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DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I hereby declare that I am a candidate for Legislator for District number: _____ In support of the declaration, I submit the affidavit below.

AFFIDAVIT

Citizen Potawatomi Nation: _____ SS: _____

Indian Country: _____

The undersigned, after being duly sworn, does hereby state under oath that: 1. I am a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; 2. My date of birth is: _____ SSN: _____ 3. My place of birth is: _____ 4. I am: _____

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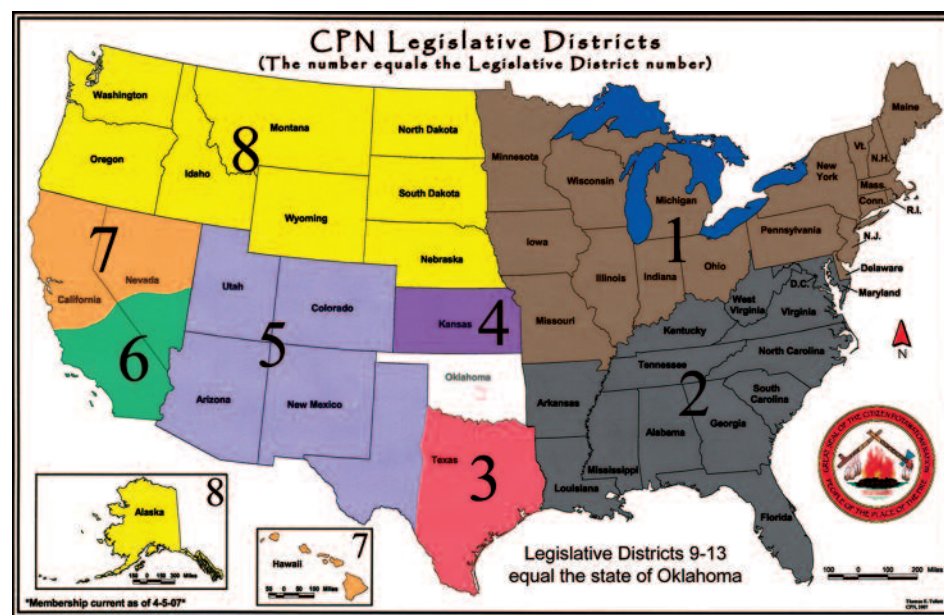
Chairman position, five legislative seats on ballot

CPN election season opens

On Saturday, June 27, 2009, Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will elect a Tribal Chairman and five (5) members of the Tribal Legislature. Legislators in Districts #1, #2, #3, and #4 will be elected to new four-year terms, as will the Chairman. Voters in District #8 will elect a representative to serve the remaining year of the late Rep. Jacqueline Taylor's term, which ends in June 2010.

The incumbents in the positions that will be on the 2009 ballot are: John 'Rocky' Barrett (Tribal Chairman), Roy Slavin (District #1), Eva Marie Carney (District #2), Robert Whistler (District #3), and Theresa Adame (District #4).

CPN members who would like to be considered for these positions must file their declarations of candidacy no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. Those declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service and must be received by the CPN Election Committee no later than 5 p.m. on



January 14.

Declaration of Candidacy forms for both the legislative positions and the Chairmanship are printed on pages 6 and 7

in this edition of the *HowNiKan*. Additionally, they can be downloaded from this internet site: www.cpelection-central.org/resources.htm.

Candidates for Tribal Chairman must be at least 35 years old upon being sworn in on June 27, 2009 and must have lived in Oklahoma for at least six months before election day. Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by election day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected for six months on election day. A map depicting the eight legislative districts outside Oklahoma is included above. It is also available on the internet at the link mentioned previously.

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Walking On

Don Paul Clark



Don Paul Clark, 47, of Norman, Oklahoma, was born on May 25, 1961. He walked on on October 28, 2008. Clark was the son of Paul E. and Joy M. Clark; he was a descendant of the Bertrand ancestral family.

He was a Broadcast Engineer for FOX

Network and worked for X-Tree Energy as IT Director for its Oklahoma City district office.

Don was given his Potawatomi Indian name October 26, 2008. He was named Nijokmot - "He Helps," a moniker that summed up Don's character and thoughtfulness to those around him.

Don Clark showed this generosity to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation by donating several items, including an electric wheelchair to the clinic, electronic and computer equipment to Job Pride and the computer lab, and a Potawatomi dictionary to the Cultural Heritage Center. Even his last request reflected his selflessness as he donated his organs to those in need and his body to science, with the hope that someone can learn from happened to him.

He leaves behind his parents, Paul and Joy, and two brothers, Mark, who works as a dealer at FireLake Casino, and Charles, CPN Director of Tribal Rolls.

Peter John Kambiss

Peter John Kambiss, 61, of Holiday, Florida lost his courageous battle with cancer on November 1, 2008 at Hospice House. Her was born in Hammond,



Indiana and graduated from Maywood School and Hammond High School. He graduated from Indiana University in 1970.

Mr. Kambiss was a security guard with Progress Energy in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

He is survived by his daughter Karen (Kambiss) Vinter of Chicago, Illinois; parents Ted and Audrey Kambiss of Palm Harbor, Florida; brother, Thomas Kambiss of Holiday, Florida; sisters, Kathy (Kambiss) Naumann of Crestview, Florida and Georgia Sroka of Epworth, Iowa; his long-time girlfriend Kaye McGregor; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Noah Vinter of Oak Forest, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Georgia Sroka and Beverly Wagner.

He was a registered member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation from birth.

Kevin L. Anderson

Kevin L. Anderson, 42-year-old Woodward, Oklahoma resident, died on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at his home in Woodward. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 in the Billings Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Scott Heusel officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Billings Funeral Home.

Kevin Lee Anderson was born on November 22, 1963 in Shawnee,



Oklahoma, the son of James William and Virginia Delores (Maddox) Anderson. In his early years, he grew up in Shawnee. The family later moved to Del City, Oklahoma. Kevin attended Del City High School.

Kevin was married to Carolyn Ruth Preuitt on November 9, 1992 in Dallas, Texas. They made their home in Oklahoma City, moving to Woodward, Oklahoma in December of 1999. Kevin's interests at the time of his passing were remodeling apartments and maintenance at apartments. He also had his own remodeling business.

Kevin loved to fish and golf and was a loving husband and father. He was very devoted to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ruth Anderson of the home; one son, Joseph Thomas Albertson Jr. and his wife Kimberly of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Laura Ann Crystal Stutsman and her husband Wade of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren; his mother, Virginia Delores Mays, and her husband Curtis of Del City; his father, James William Anderson and his wife DeAnna of Shawnee; five brothers, Jeffery Mays and his wife Minda, Chris Mays, Rusty Mays, Tony Mays, and Scotty Anderson; two sisters, Tamara Stiffler and her husband Darin and Jennifer Anderson; and other relatives and friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by one bother James William Anderson Jr. and his

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maternal and paternal grandparents.

Condolences may be shared online at www.billingsfuneralhomewoodward.com.

C.J. (Waco) Robison



Funeral services for C.J. 'Waco' Robison, 83, were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at Calvary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with the Rev. James Crain and the Rev. Don McCormick officiating. Internment followed at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Minden. The family received friends from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11.

Mr. Robison was born on April 26, 1925 in Dustin, Oklahoma. He died on November 9, 2008, after a brief illness. He was the son of Abner and Vida (Little)



Robison.

Mr. Robison worked as a journeyman electrician out of Local 194 of Shreveport for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from March 11, 1943 to December 19, 1945.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepson Terry Brackin. Waco, as he was fondly known, is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Nancy Robison; one son, Jake Robison of Cushing, Oklahoma; four daughters, Robby Albertson and her husband Bill of El Reno, Oklahoma, Gail Bruner of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Judy Jenkins and Chris Robison, both of Oklahoma City; three stepsons, Doug Brackin and his wife Bonnie, Danny Brackin and his wife Amy, and Brad Brackin; two stepdaughters, Juanita (Wa) Elshout and her husband Tommy and Karen Brackin; five sisters and their husbands, all of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; and

numerous grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Leathers, Pete Atcock, Karl Washington, Frank McCoy, Tim Whitfield, and his Mr. Robison's Sunday school class.

Waco will be missed by his family, friends, church friends, and IBEW friends.

Georgia M. Sroka



EPWORTH, Iowa - Georgia M. Sroka, 58, of 11482 Sroka Lane, Epworth, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, at home after a courageous battle with cancer. Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008 at Reiff Funeral Home, Epworth, with Jay Randall officiating. Burial was in Highview Cemetery, Epworth. Friends called from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, November 9.

Georgia was born on April 14, 1950 in

Hammond, Indiana, the daughter of Theodore "Ted" and Audrey (Buchanan) Kambiss. She married Chuck Sroka on February 14, 1991, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was employed as a Gulf Front Specialist and owned Gulfside Realty in Crystal Beach, Florida, in the 1980s. She was later employed in the jewelry department at J. C. Penney in Dubuque, Iowa for 10 years and was well-known as the "J.C. Penney Lady."

Georgia was an avid Harley Davidson Motorcycle enthusiast. She also loved boating and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Chuck Sroka, of Epworth; six children, Johnny White Jr., of Los Angeles, California, Jay Sroka, of Epworth, Jackie (White) Bradley, of Quasqueton, Tim Sroka, of Epworth and his wife Cari, Joe Sroka, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Sara Sroka of Epworth; three grandchildren, Garrett and Brittany Bradley and Hayden Sroka; her parents, Theodore and Audrey Kambiss of Palm Harbor, Florida; her second mom, Marie Riner Hadu; a sister, Kathy Naumann, and a brother, Tom Kambiss, both of Florida.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Peter Kambiss, and a sister, Beverly Wagner.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.reiffuneralhomeinc.com.

Judy Ann Ramsey

Judy Ann Ramsey, age 58, of Baton Rouge; Louisiana, passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, in Louisiana.

Mrs. Ramsey was born on April 9, 1950, in Ada, Oklahoma, the daughter of Kenneth and Lydia (Cooper) Nickell.

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For more information, contact the Specialist in your area: Director Shelley Schneider; Shawnee Area, Tammy Wood, 405-273-3216; South OkC Area, Angie Igo, 405-632-4143; North OkC, Shalan Pearson, 405-232-3173.

CPN/City of Shawnee Sign Sister City Accord with China's Jinchang City



Seated, Jinchang Mayor Zhang Lingping (left), CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett, and Shawnee Mayor Chuck Mills sign a formal Sister Cities agreement at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Standing (from left) are Ma Sen, from Jinchang City, CPN Economic Development Director Jim Collard, CPN Cultural Heritage Center Director Jon Boursaw, Shawnee City Commissioner Carl Holt, Shawnee Interim City manager Phyllis Loftis, and Shawnee City Commissioner (now Mayor-elect) Linda Peterson.

by Gloria Trotter/Shawnee Sun & Kim Morava/Shawnee News-Star

There were gifts for everyone and smiles all around as the City of Shawnee, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and China's Jinchang City formalized a sister cities agreement on October 30, 2008.

Zhang Lingping, mayor of Jinchang City; Ma Sen, president of the Jinchang Cultural Exchange Association; and Yang Fashou, director of the Gansu Provincial Foreign Affairs Office and interpreter for the occasion, were the special guests at the ceremony held in the CPN's Cultural Heritage Center on Thursday, October 30.

Shawnee Mayor Chuck Mills greeted the guests, noting that the ceremony would make official an effort begun three years ago to establish the relationship. "We're planting the seeds, building bridges to the rest of the world," said Mills. "Those who are in denial aren't here today."

Mills said the three entities are "pioneering a relationship between the tribe and the two cities. He thanked CPN Chairman John A. 'Rocky' Barrett for "being a visionary."

Barrett in turn thanked Mills for including the tribe in the relationship and said his nation offers "unique opportunities for industries on tribal land ... We don't share

a language, but we share some common goals."

Jinchang, located along the famous Silk Road, is an industrial city of more than 470,000 people representing 40 ethnic groups. The city is China's leading producer of nickel and has more than 200 companies mostly specializing in mineral resources. In addition to nickel, cobalt, platinum, copper, chromium, iron, and more are mined and refined there.

Mayor Zhang Lingping, speaking through an interpreter, said he "felt the friendliness of Shawnee and Oklahoma" and promised to "take advantage of this visit" to explore and promote relationships. He officially invited Shawnee and CPN representatives to visit Jinchang "early next year."

After the formal signing of the agreement, the three groups exchanged gifts. Barrett presented the Chinese visitors with Pendleton "Record Keeper" blankets, noting that in tribal tradition the gift of a blanket "means we will shelter you." Mills presented Jinchang's mayor with a miniature Horse In The City, and the Chinese visitors presented the tribe and the city custom woven rugs.

In addition, the visitors handed out gifts including silk scarves and artwork to

everyone present.

The delegation from Jinchang City, China visited Shawnee, with an official reception and signing ceremony on the afternoon of Thursday, October 30 at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.

Shawnee Mayor Chuck Mills and CPN Chairman Rocky Barrett signed the agreement with Jinchang City Mayor Zhang Lingping.

Mayor Lingpin and the Chinese delegation arrived in Shawnee on Wednesday afternoon and dined at St. Gregory's University, followed by a tour of SGU's Mabee-Gerrer Museum. Before the signing celebration on Thursday, the delegation visited area industries, then toured Oklahoma Baptist University and Shawnee Milling Company before touring the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. The group enjoyed a private dinner and gaming at the CPN's FireLake Grand Casino on Thursday night.

On Friday, the group had breakfast at Gordon Cooper Technology Center then moved on to another Shawnee business tour before departing for Oklahoma City, where they stayed for the weekend before returning to China on Monday.

This is the second Sister Cities collaboration for Shawnee. The city entered a Sister Cities agreement with Nikaho, Japan, in 1990. Each year, both Shawnee and Nikaho send large numbers of students, as well as adults, to visit each other's cities and learn about their cultures.



Shawnee Mayor Chuck Mills accepts a wall hanging depicting The Great Wall of China from Jinchang Mayor Zhang Lingping (left) and Ma Sen of Jinchang.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM
CITIZEN
POTAWATOMI
NATION OFFICIALS
AND EMPLOYEES**

Tribal Savings Certificates are extremely popular

Citizen Potawatomi Nation members have expressed overwhelming interest in the Nation's new investment opportunity, the Tribal Savings Certificates. More than 100 members have telephoned or e-mailed for additional information. As details for the offering are finalized, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett offers additional details in his monthly column in this *HowNiKan* (see page 21).

To enhance the effective rate of return on the Tribal Savings Certificates, they are being offered under the auspices of the federal Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act. Chairman Barrett reports that the Internal Revenue Service will not allow the TSCs, as income-tax-exempt investments, to be protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The Chairman describes the mechanism for protecting members' investment and adds, "This gives Certificate holders triple protection on their investment principal."

The Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act, which provides the legal framework for making income earned from the TSCs federal tax-exempt, was enacted in late 1982. The *HowNiKan* reported on it in an early 1983 edition:

There is a new law that presents many opportunities for tribes to use their sovereign status in pursuit of economic self-sufficiency. Essentially, (the TGTA) confirms the same status for tribal governments, (as for state and city governments). This status is only effective for those tribal activities deemed "essential governmental functions."

There are numerous ways tribal governments will be able to use this status to their financial benefit. Many are obvious; others will be discovered as tribal officials work with the status conferred by the Act.

There are tax savings that can be realized immediately. Just as state and local governments will not be taxed by the federal government, tribal governments will not be taxed by the other government entities.

This means exemption from excise taxes on special fuels, highway use, tires, telephone service, and many other items. Tribal governments are also exempt from the windfall profits tax and state severance for gross production taxes on oil and natural gas production. Significant savings can be made on auto licenses and motor vehi-

See SAVINGS CERTIFICATES on page 9

Potawatomi Language

Wiske and the Geese

Translated by Don Perrot

One day Wiske was talking to his grandmother, near their small wigwam in the woods. Wiske told his grandmother that he could swim better and run faster than any of the other people in the village.

Ngodek Wiske gi kenonan w'okmesen, jig wigwamesek se i mtegwakik. Nge mamo bmatega mine mamo bmeptoyan se gi bmadsejek i pi odanés wgi na w'okmesen.

Wiske did something else better, too. He liked to play tricks, like swimming under canoes and jerking fishing lines, springing rabbit snares with a stick, and a lot more.

Mamo mjesh gi medagwéndet ézhechkét éyayankenot wiye égwedemojgét mine agodwagét wiye.

One afternoon as Wiske was walking along the shore of a lake, he saw some bright red berries in the water.

Ngot gishnawkwék égi pamset o Wiske jigbyég, gi wabdet anet wasko mskwe minen se i mbish.

When he waded into the lake to pick them, they seemed to go away. Poor Wiske. All he got was a handful of ice cold water and cold wet feet.

Ni je pi ébmategat se i mbish édapnet gé winwa, gi mdewadsik. Jak she égi tot I mbish mine égi da kid zet.

He sat on the shore feeling cold and foolish. Suddenly he saw the same red berries in the lake again.

Hau, égi jibdebet jigbyég émenshezét mine ébigéjít. Gezika égi wabdet nasap minen se i mbish mine.

Then he discovered that the bright red berries were hanging from a branch. The berries in the lake were a reflection of the feast above! He pulled the branch down.

Iw se égi mkanet ni wasko mskwe minen édbejgowat se i mtegosen. Ni minen se i mbish wawabmojegéwen se i wisewen shpemek. Énisabdot i mtegosen.

As he was eating the berries and laughing at himself, a loud sound over his head made him look up again. A tired flock of geese was returning from the north and they were going to land on that very lake.

Égi mijnat ni minen mine éyayéngénoshet, kche nodagzewen shpemek éwabdet mine. Igwan gi beskesik ébyéwat se i wech ksenyak ébgeshnawat se i apij mbes.

Wiske quietly hid himself. As the geese spread their wings on the water, Wiske began to plan a goose feast for his grandmother and himself. He wanted as many geese as he could catch. He knew that if he ran into the lake, he could only catch a few.

Égi kezot o Wiske. Égi bgeshnawat gi beskesik o Wiske é'onakenat i beskesi wisnewen éwisnewat ibe édat. Zamjesh Beskesik égi nedwéndemat. Gi kéndat énakwebdot bgéji gishpen égwaskse'ot i mbish.

Quickly Wiske made a long strong rope from bark and wrapped it around himself. He then slipped quietly into the water and swam under the geese.

Kew i seba gi zhetot o Wiske mine éwdasbdokéshet. Égimochgét i mbish ma shna ébmategat nam igwan se gi beskesik.

Swimming silently, he tied the feet of the geese together. By the time he had finished, he was almost out of breath. He quickly swam to the top of the water.

Gimoch bmategat, égi dkobjeget se i beskesik zedesnen. Iw pi gi zhechkét, gaga she jagaktot i wnemwin. Kew gi bmategat i kwéchébyég.

Wiske gasped loudly as he breathed in a big gulp of air.

Wiske gi kche nodagze égi kche ne'mot i nemwin.

The goose in the middle was frightened by Wiske's gasp and began to fly up.

Égi zégse'at nawi o beskesi éje bmathit shpemek.

The other geese all followed. Because they were all tied together, they formed a V as they rose into the sky. Wiske dangled at one end of the rope. He held on and shouted at the geese to stop. They flew on, high above the trees.

Biminishowé'at gi Beskesik. Onadnegéwat gi beskesik éje kwédasiwat gishek anaké édkobjegéwat jayék gé winwa. Hau, égi dasgenet mine énodagzet éngabnéwat. Hau, égi dashkéwat shpemek se ni mtegow.

Wiske thought he would never see his home again.

Cho wika nwi wabdasin édayan mine, éshedé'at Wiske.

When the geese flew over a muddy swam, Wiske let go of the rope. He fell into the swamp. The soft mud oozed around his body. He was not hurt.

Iw pi égi dashkéwat i wabshkoki, Wiske bgedne'at i seba. Épekshet se i wabshkoki. Iw sheshkiwen éwiwkwébsé'at i wjibé.

Wiske sat in the mud watching the geese as they flew away. They were still flying in a V because of the rope Wiske had tied to them.

Éwabmegot gi Beskesik édashkéwat éjibdebet i sheshkiwen. Mégwa édashkéwat nadnegéwen anaké édkobjegét o Wiske.

Geese have been flying in a V ever since. If you look up into the autumn sky, you can often see them.

Beskesik édashkéwat mégwa i nadnegéwen. Gishpen éwabdoyen shpemek dgwagé gishek, wawika gwi wabmak gé winwa.

(Editor's note: Winter was the only time that many of our elders would tell our traditional stories. It was during this time of the year that many believed the earth and the spirits were asleep. To this day, many of our traditional people will not tell atsokan, or Cultural stories with Wiske or Nanabozho, except in the winter time. Wiske, the cultural hero, was sometimes seen as a trickster and at other times would be someone who would help the people by giving them knowledge of certain medicines, crops, or different ceremonies.

Sometimes he is also called Nanabozho, Wiske, or Waynabozho. He would also sometimes be personified by a white rabbit.)

Winter Words

Ksenya mget - It's cold. - Gon - snow (on the ground) - Bonimget - It is snowing. Gon nene - snowman - Gon pkwakwet - snowball - Biskowagen - jacket - Gokmedas wiwkwán - stocking cap - Negos - star - Mezodan - Family - Agem-snowshoe - Agmose. - He/she walks on snowshoes. - Zhoshkwamget. - It is slick. - Gon gbedi - snowpants - Mkom - ice - Mkomis - hail - Mingswen - gift - Bbon - winter - Waboyan - blanket - Gokmedas - stocking - Azheni - angel - Gon azheni - snow angel - Bistabyan - sled - Nasena zhoshkwamget zagech. - Be careful, it's slick outside. - Gego pegdoken I gon pkwakwet. - Don't throw that snow ball. - Gbistabyankemen. - Let's go sledding.

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APPLICATION FOR FILING - Tribal Chairman

Date: _____

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ County _____

State _____ Zip _____ How long at current residence: _____

Phone No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Roll Number _____

A filing fee of one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) by guaranteed check (such as cashier's or official bank check) must be received along with your filing and must be payable to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. *A copy of candidate's current driver's license, a copy of a current utility bill, and a copy of the prospective candidate's tribal membership card must also accompany this filing form.*

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I hereby declare that I am a candidate for Tribal Chairman. In support of the declaration, I submit the affidavit below.

AFFIDAVIT

Citizen Potawatomi Nation)
)
 Indian Country) SS.

The undersigned, after being duly sworn, does hereby state under oath that: 1. I am a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
2. My date of birth is: _____ SSN _____ 3. My place of birth is: _____ 4. I am _____

presently residing and may receive mail at the following address: Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____. Phone: _____. 5. I have resided at this address immediately above continuously for the past six months prior to the election. 6. I have never been convicted of a felony. 7. I have never been found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or any other Indian Tribe. 8. I have never been impeached or recalled from office by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. 9. I do not hold membership in any other Indian tribe or nation nor have I accepted land or money benefits from another Indian tribe or nation after August 16, 2007. 10. (Optional) I hereby specify that the following nickname may be placed on the ballot alongside my true name: _____. I affirm that I am known by that nickname, am not using it for any purpose other than accurately identifying myself and that this name is not identical or substantially similar to the name or nickname of another candidate.

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the information submitted on this form is true and correct.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

(Candidate's name, typed or printed)	(Candidate's Signature)
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(Candidate's name, typed or printed)	(Candidate's Signature)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary _____

My Commission Expires _____

*Mail this completed form, along with the \$150.00 filing fee and supporting documents, to: CPN Election Committee, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. **Filing form and fee must be received by the Election Committee no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. Candidates must file by United States mail. Candidates for Tribal Chairman must be at least 35 years old upon being sworn in on June 27, 2009 and must have lived in Oklahoma for at least six months prior to the election.***

Health Aid Foundation News
Director – Joyce Abel R.N.

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Bozho,

Many years ago our tribal leaders recognized the need for prosthetic devices for our people. The Health Aid Foundation was formed and implemented to assist our people with these needs.

Guidelines were established, and the program began. It has continued through the years, adding new devices such as crowns, CPAP machines and equipment, mobile chairs, and mobile chair lifts for vehicles. The Health Aid Foundation is a great part of the major benefit package for Citizen Potawatomi all over the world.

In November 2003, the eligibility requirements were changed to assist additional tribal members. The new requirements now include all tribal members who were born by December 31, 1971 and/or all tribal members who have a blood quantum of at least one-eighth (1/8) Citizen Potawatomi. If you have a question about your blood degree, please contact Tribal Rolls.

We have made new application forms available; they are shorter and easier to complete. Please discard any old applications you have. The new applications can be obtained by going to the Web site www.Potawatomi.org or calling and requesting one from our office.

The Health Aid Foundation has assisted with 1,655 devices in the past year, with the total cost of those devices being \$423,704.55.

This year we have coordinated efforts with Language, Networking, Public Information, Computer Programming, Tribal Rolls, and Employment & Training departments to develop an audio information system that our sight-impaired members can use to get the news in the

HowNiKan. We are slowly making progress in the quality of the voice delivery, so it is easily understood.

You will find a needs survey in this edition of the *HowNiKan*. If you or a family member are sight-impaired, please complete the survey and send it to me.

O Mamogosnan

Enozhoyek mine

Eqich mnozhewebziyek

(May the Lord bless you, keep you safe and in good health)

Megwitch,

Joyce Abel R.N.

Election 2009, con't. from page 1

The June election ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending interest and earnings from the Nation's set-aside funds. Thus, all eligible CPN voters will participate in this election.

A Ballot Request Period will begin on February 15, 2009 and end on June 8, 2009. There will be in-person voting from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the courtroom in the CPN administration building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 for all six positions.

The tribal government will mail Absentee Request Forms to all members who will be eligible to vote in the 2009 election. Additionally, to assist in CPN voters' obtaining an absentee ballot, a Ballot Request Form will be published in future editions of the *HowNiKan*. It, too, is posted on the internet at the link above. Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots can obtain an absentee ballot by mailing back the postage-paid request form that will be mailed to them, clipping the request form from the *HowNiKan*, or downloading it from the Web site and completing and mailing it to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Voters who cast an absentee ballot will not be able to vote in-person in Shawnee on June 27, 2009. However, if a voter obtains an Absentee Ballot then decides to vote in person, he can exchange the Absentee Ballot for an in-person ballot on June 27, 2009 at the polling place.

Voters should remember that the Ballot Request Form must be postmarked no later than June 8, 2009. Voted absentee ballots must arrive in the Election Committee's post office box in Tecumseh, Oklahoma no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2009.

APPLICATION FOR FILING - Tribal Legislator

Date: _____

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ County _____

State _____ Zip _____ How long at current residence: _____

Phone No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Legislative district number for which you are filing (only one office): _____ Roll Number _____

A filing fee of one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) by guaranteed check (such as cashier's or official bank check) must be received along with your filing and must be payable to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. ***A copy of candidate's current driver's license, a copy of a current utility bill, and a copy of the prospective candidate's tribal membership card must also accompany this filing form.***

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I hereby declare that I am a candidate for Legislator for District number _____. In support of the declaration, I submit the affidavit below.

AFFIDAVIT

Citizen Potawatomi Nation)

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Indian Country)

SS.

The undersigned, after being duly sworn, does hereby state under oath that: 1. I am a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. 2. My date of birth is: _____ SSN _____ 3. My place of birth is: _____ 4. I am

presently residing and may receive mail at the following address: Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Phone: _____ 5. I have resided at this address immediately above continuously for the past six months. 6. I have never been convicted of a felony. 7. I have never been found civilly or criminally liable for a breach of fiduciary duty to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or any other Indian Tribe. 8. I have never been impeached or recalled from office by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. 9. I do not hold membership in any other Indian tribe or nation nor have I accepted land or money benefits from another Indian tribe or nation after August 16, 2007. 10. (Optional) I hereby specify that the following nickname may be placed on the ballot alongside my true name: _____. I affirm that I am known by that nickname, am not using it for any purpose other than accurately identifying myself and that this name is not identical or substantially similar to the name or nickname of another candidate.

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the information submitted on this form is true and correct.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

(Candidate's name, typed or printed)

(Candidate's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary _____ My Commission Expires _____

Mail this completed form, along with the \$150.00 filing fee and supporting documents, to: CPN Election Committee, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801. Filing form and fee must be received by the Election Committee no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. Candidates must file by United States mail. Candidates for Legislator must be at least 18 years old upon being sworn in on June 27, 2009 and must have lived in the district they would represent for at least six months prior to the election.

Attention

In the September *HowNiKan*, the Public Information Department announced availability of an audio versdion of the HowNiKan for sight-impaired CPN members and others. The Health Aid Foundation is gathering information about CPN members with such needs. If you or a realtive or freind who is a tribal member fit that category, please complete the survey below and return it to: Joyce Abel, R.N., CPN Health Aid Foundation, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

1. What is your Date of Birth? _____

2. Do you have difficulty with any of these activities?

- ☐ Seeing
- ☐ Hearing
- ☐ Thinking (learning, remembering, concentrating, or comprehension)
- ☐ Speaking

3. If an audio service was provided would –

- ☐ You use it
- ☐ It enhance the quality of your life
- ☐ It make you more independent

4. Would you be interested in any of the following information if it was provided in audio?

- ☐ Language
- ☐ *HowNiKan*
- ☐ Web site (www.Potawatomi.org)
- ☐ Services
- ☐ Tribal Government
- ☐ Tribal Programs

5. Do you have access to any of the following?

- ☐ Computer
- ☐ CD player
- ☐ DVD player
- ☐ Other media player

Additional comments: _____

Please complete the survey and return it to Audio HowNiKan Survey, Health Aid Foundation, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

Attention

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is building a directory of members' e-mail address-es. This will allow the Nation and the CPN legislators to contact memebtrs more effi-ciently and quickly - and less expensively.

If you have an e-mail address and are willing to share it with the Nation, please invest a few minutes in e-mailing your contact information to your legislator, select-ing from the e-mail list blow, and/or send it to HowNiKan@Potawatomi.org.

This effort holds the potential of saving the Nation thousands of dollars in mailnig costs in the future while allowing the Nation to provide information quicker.

CPN Legislators' E-mail Addresses

1. Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett	Rocky@Potawatomi.org
2. Vice Chairman Linda Capps	LCapps@Potawatomi.org
3. Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale	DTrousdale@Potawatomi.org
4. Dist. #1 Rep. Roy Slavin	RSlavin@Potawatomi.org
5. Dist. #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney	ECarney@Potawatomi.org
6. Dist. #3 Rep. Robert Whistler	RWhistler@Potawatomi.org
7. Dist. #4 Rep. Theresa Adame	TAdame@Potawatomi.org
8. Dist. #5 Rep. Gene Lambert	GLambert@Potawatomi.org
9. Dist. #6 Rep. Ron Goyer	RGoyer@Potawatomi.org
10. Dist. #7 Rep. Thom Finks	TFinks@Potawatomi.org
11. Dist. #8 (Vacant until June 27 election)	
12. Dist. #9 Rep. Paul Wesselhoft	PWesselhoft@Potawatomi.org
13. Dist. #10 Rep. David Barrett	DBarrett@Potawatomi.org
14. Dist. #11 Rep. Lisa Kraft	LKraft@Potawatomi.org
15. Dist. #12 Rep. Paul Schmidlkofer	PSchmidlkofer@Potawatomi.org
16. Dist. #13 Rep. Bobbie Bowden	BBowden@Potawatomi.org

**CPN
Housing Authority
Storm Shelter Program**

The CPN Housing Authority has been awarded the 2008 USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant. This has made it possible to continue to the second phase of the Tribal Storm Shelter Program.

Per USDA guidelines, this program is limited to very low income trib-al members and specific rural areas of Oklahoma within the tribal juris-diction. Surveys will be conducted, the results of which will enable us to serve those most in need first. Then a waiting list will be created for the remaining applicants.

For more information contact Angelique Williams at 405-273-2833.

FireLake Golf Course

New greens have FireLake Golf Course looking and playing better than ever. Call 275-4471 to reserve tee times. Read the *HowNiKan* for details of the course improvements.

Prepare for CPN Elections in 2009

In 2009, CPN members will elect a Tribal Chairman and Legislative Representatives in District nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8. As voters, members **MUST** learn all they can about the candidates. Then, they **MUST** cast an informed ballot either in person on June 27, 2009 or by absentee ballot.

Funds will cover one agent's annual salary

CPN presents check to DA's Drug Task Force



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman Rocky Barrett, left, and Vice Chairman Linda Capps, right, present District Attorney Richard Smothermon with a check for \$33,000 to be used to pay one of Smothermon's four Drug Task Force agent's salary. Smothermon credits the CPN with giving his Drug Task Force the ability to continue its work in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.

by Jason Smith - Shawnee News-Star

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Pottawatomie, Oklahoma County District Attorney Richard Smothermon expressed his appreciation this week for a contribution from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation that he says will allow for his office's continuance of drug enforcement. CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps presented Smothermon a check for \$33,000 on October 22, 2008. Smothermon said this is enough to pay for one

Drug Task Force agent for a year. "That's in addition to the man that they fund," Smothermon said.

Smothermon's Drug Task Force is made up of four agents, he said, and they are responsible for all drug enforcement in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties. One of the four agents is already paid by the CPN, and with its new contribution, the tribe is essentially paying two agents.

"What they do for us is amazing," Smothermon said of the CPN.

Dramatic federal cuts in Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) this year amounted to a \$170,000 loss of funding for Smothermon's task force. The CPN's financial assistance helped lessen the outcome. "That could have been a devastating blow," Smothermon said of the JAG cuts.

Smothermon said he has recently come to realize just how much the CPN does for his office. This is done, he said, very quietly and with no requests for recognition. "They funded my Drug Task Force for the past four years to the tune of \$277,000," he said. "They give us vehicles. They give us manpower. They actually give us the building that houses the Drug Task Force and the OHP (Oklahoma Highway Patrol) for the county, and pay all utilities. "I didn't realize the significant impact until I totaled up the numbers of what they do for this county."

Smothermon said all of this is in addition to their assistance to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies. "They are an unbelievable partner to law enforcement, and I don't think anybody realizes their contribution," he said. "Without the CPN assistance in law enforcement, it would be physically impossible for the sheriff's office and my Drug Task Force office to keep you safe."

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Savings Certificates, con't. from page 4

cles themselves, on which there are normally several thousands of dollars worth of taxes from which tribes are exempt.

Another method for using the new tribal tax status will open up a new source for development capital. Tribal governments have always had the legal ability to sell revenue bonds. But, for various reasons, the markets have been limited. They should be no longer. Now, tribes have the ability to sell these bonds as tax-exempt. Bond purchasers will not have to pay taxes on income they earn from the bonds. This will make tribal revenue bonds infinitely more attractive as investments

As sovereign governments, tribes have long possessed the ability to levy any number of different taxes. This new loss in no way affects that power, which was upheld in the recent Merriam v. Jicarilla Apache decision from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now, though, any taxes paid to a tribal government will be income tax-deductible for the individuals and businesses that pay them. The same is true for gifts and donations to tribal governments. This latter fact can be used to great advantage and effect by tribes in soliciting donations.

Chairman Barrett says there are two goals in mind for the TSC program. The first, most obvious is to provide an investment vehicle for tribal that is safe and returns better earnings than other investment opportunities. The second is to motivate CPN members to develop a closer relationship with their tribe and its family.

He says, "I truly believe that any person who has his or her savings with the Nation will be more aware of who runs for tribal office and what their qualifications and experience might be. That Citizen Potawatomi investor is more likely to vote, encourage his or her family to vote, or run for office himself. If that happens, our Nation is better off."

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* For a short time only, your seventh month is free with a one-year commitment.

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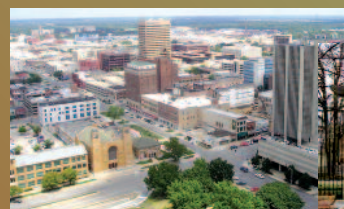
* Rossville is traditional Potawatomi land; reminders of our past are everywhere. The people of Rossville are very welcoming and accommodating.



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SGU President Dr. David Wagie speaks**Veterans Day address highlights brotherhood & unity**

Dr. David Wagie, President of St. Gregory's University and a retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general, highlighted brotherhood and unity as he joined the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization in Veterans Day observance at a November 6 banquet at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. The event also featured a deeply heartfelt commemoration of CPN member Jon Boursaw's retirement as Cultural Heritage Center director.

Delivering his keynote talk, President Wagie drew on Prairie Band Potawatomi member Milton LaClair's World War II experience to illustrate brotherhood and unity in action. "LaClair, a private with B Company, 18th Infantry, First Division, was in the 'second wave' of soldiers who landed along the coast of Normandy on D-day, June 6, 1944, in a massive Allied effort to push the Germans out of France," he related.

For more than 50 days, LaClair and his fellow soldiers experienced almost constant combat, eating C-rations and sleeping in shifts in muddy foxholes during the so-called "quiet times" for a couple of hours - if they could sleep that long. LaClair saw many close friends fall, including his best buddy.

LaClair said, "He said to me, 'Milt, if I don't get out of this, you name your first boy after me.' I was with him when he was shot, on my right, just a few yards away from me."

LaClair named his eldest son after that best buddy.

The day after his 20th birthday, Milton's division was pulled from combat, and each man got a hot shower, a change of clothes (the first time in 40-some days), and a hot meal. The following day, the soldiers marched back into combat.

Less than two weeks later, a mortar shell exploded near Milton, killing his sergeant and wounding him and another man in his squad. Milton's right leg was blown off below the knee; he later lost more of the leg to gangrene. And, he suffered an extremely deep wound to his back. Yet he was able to apply a tourniquet and inject morphine (provided to each soldier) as he had been trained. LaClair then crawled to his friend who lost part of his left leg in the explosion and assisted him with first-aid procedures.



St. Gregory's University President Dr. David A. Wagie displays the honor blanket presented by the CPN Veterans Organization on the occasion of his Veterans Day speech.

"That's brotherhood and unity!" Wagie proclaimed.

He added, "When I think of brotherhood and unity, I think about those who sacrificed, who put others first, who put their community first, who put the mission first, who put their country first - people like you, every one of you in this room."

Wagie also paid honor to the legendary willingness of American Indians to serve in defense of their country and the U.S. Constitution. "Between 1941 and 1945, 25,000 Native Americans were called up to fight in the U.S. military," he said. "The Potawatomis had 49 families and thousands of soldiers who fought in every war from the Civil War on - exhibiting sacrifice, bravery, fidelity, courage, honor, and duty - in two words, brotherhood and unity."

Dr. Wagie pointed out that the skills veterans learned during their service and the attitude emphasizing brotherhood and unity that was fostered in them during that time benefit America after they return to civilian life. "Let me close with one last

thought.' He said. "Not only have you, and all veterans, served their country in uniform, but even after leaving military service, veterans never seem to lose the desire to serve their country."

He continued: "Anywhere you go in America, you find that veterans are the backbone of their communities, always

making a contribution, pitching in, providing leadership, and setting a good example for the young. (They) show the character, leadership, and sacrifice that makes this country such a wonderful place to live, and the envy of the world - still exhibiting brotherhood and unity."

In closing, he said, "Thank you all - for your service to the military, your community, and your country. You keep faith with America; your example of service and sacrifice inspires a new generation of freedom's defenders and citizens of character."



Veterans Organization Commander Troy Graham presents a plaque commemorating retiring CHC director Jon Boursaw.

Following Dr. Wagie's speech, CPN Veterans Organization members demonstrated their deep appreciation for the quality leadership Jon Boursaw, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, brought to the CHC directorship over the past two-and-one-half years. Boursaw is credited with spearheading the effort that has transformed the walls of the CHC's Long Room into a shrine that honors the service of Citizen Potawatomi veterans.

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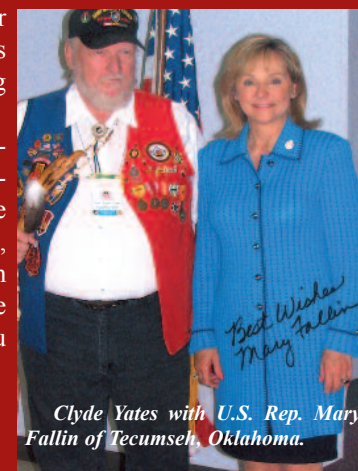
Attention

CPN Veterans, I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

If you need any help with your service-connected VA disability claim, please call me at 405-275-3121. Tell the receptionist that you need assistance with a VA claim and need to contact Clyde Yates, service officer. I will return your call and set up an appointment. I will need your name and telephone number. I look forward to talking to each one of you and helping CPN veterans.

Clyde Yates

A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969



Clyde Yates with U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin of Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

FireLake gets rid of bent-grass greens

The bold and the Bermuda

by KEN MacLEOD – *South-Central Golf Magazine*

With the new fine-bladed varieties of Bermuda eliminating much of the problems with grain and roll, it was only a matter of time before someone in Oklahoma gave up on the annual summer battle to keep the bent grass alive.

Chris Chesser, director of golf at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's FireLake Golf Club in Shawnee, is the first to take the plunge. Chesser followed the lead of about 400 other courses throughout the south that have installed the Champions variety of Bermuda to their greens.

The greens were sprigged late this summer and should be fully ready for play in the spring.

Chesser expects the advantages of the Bermuda greens to easily outweigh the disadvantages, and there is some of each.

The greens should do fine in the heat of July and August, needing only regular watering. They will not require four employees to work the course throughout the day, syringing greens to keep them from dying, as Chesser as often had to do with his bent-grass greens. He also expects to cut his chemical bill in half and reduce his fertilizer costs.

The bad news is he will have to purchase 20 greens covers for a total of \$25,000 and the greens will need to be covered when temperatures go below 25 degrees to keep them from going dormant.

The greens at FireLake were 27 years old and due for a renovation. Superintendent Steve Montgomery was a proponent of trying the Champions; Chesser backed him. Chesser said at least 40 superintendents from other courses have stopped by to see how the experiment is going.

Slow going at resorts

Don't expect anything to happen too quickly at either of the big resorts taking shape around existing courses at Lake Texoma and Grand Lake in Oklahoma.

Ryan Chapman, former state parks golf director and now the director of golf and the marina for Pointe Vista, said the existing Chickasaw Pointe golf course will probably remain unchanged for five to six years while other projects are built. That includes a new south course to replace the old Lake Texoma course.



The new Bent Grass is growing on FireLake Golf Course's ___th green following a renovation that will make the copurse more enjoyable for golfers.

Pointe Vista developers are still attempting to finalize the purchase of 1,022 acres from the state and from the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Once that is done, demolition of the old lodge and cabins and dirt work on the new golf course will commence, hopefully before the end of 2008.

Chapman said the architect for the South Course has not been finalized.

"I know this, with the land that they'll have to use, there should be some great golf holes," Chapman said.

At Grand Lake, the Peninsula Resort & Golf Club, formerly Shangri-La, has put its plans for a new resort hotel, conference center and marina on hold, even though a tax increment financing district was passed

early this year which would have diverted up to \$25 million in increased sales and property tax within the district for up to 25 years.

Pete Boylan, the project's developer, told the *Tulsa World* that everything was on hold until the nation's financial crisis sorts itself out. Fountainhead Golf Course has been subleased to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

"As a result of the capital markets, our hotel partner is obviously having a challenge, notwithstanding the TIF, arranging the financing," Boyland said. "I don't think anybody can predict what's ultimately going to happen. The experts in the world are mystified right now, at what is taking place. Until that settles down, we,

like anybody else in the real estate business, are probably on hold."

Two other projects involve renovating existing courses to make them a quality amenity to casino projects.

The Quapaws have purchased Loma Linda Resort just across the Missouri state line to go with the Downstream Resort & Casino that is being built just inside the Oklahoma state line near 1-44.

While the resort is scheduled open this fall, the courses at Loma Linda will take longer. The north course is currently being renovated, while the South Course will undergo an even more extensive renovation next year, with John Daly as a consultant on the design.

Creeks to run Fountainhead

The Muscogee Creek have purchased the former Fountainhead Resort from a private group and have sub-leased Fountainhead Golf Course from the state of Oklahoma Tourism Department.

The old resort facility has been demolished and plans are to build a 400-to-500-room hotel and casino with a boat dock, swimming pools, shopping, and restaurants over the next five years, according to Michael Wisner, the CEO of the Trade and Commerce Authority for the Muscogee Creek Nation.

As for the golf course, Wisner has hired former Clary Fields superintendent Jay Lee. A new irrigation system will be installed this winter along with a general course cleanup. There are plans to rebuild the clubhouse, cart barn, and maintenance building in the future.

The sub-lease is through 2018, but the Creek are pursuing a direct lease with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which currently leases the land to the State of Oklahoma. That would give the Creeks greater flexibility to make capital improvements without going through two entities.

Kim Moyer, director of communications and government affairs for the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, said the state's goal in sub-leasing Fountainhead was to find a group that would be able to improve the course and build play. "We wanted to find a group that had a vested interest in doing a good job and improve the conditions and services. We feel the Creeks have stepped up and will do a great job."

Records show rounds at the course have declined steadily over the past five years, from 20,071 in 2004 to just 8,829 through early October in 2008.



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center/ FireLake Gifts

Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Kansas Regional Office. Mr. Boursaw has transferred three unidentified portraits into the custody of the CHC for conservation treatment and enhancement of the permanent collection.

Mr. Boursaw said that the portraits had been housed in his office for some time, but he was unaware of who the individuals were or the portraits' places of origin.

If anyone has any information about the following three portraits and would like to share it, please contact the Tribal Archivist. The Cultural Heritage Center and Mr. Boursaw thank you for any and all assistance in this matter.

If you are interested in donating and or loaning any material, please contact R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist at (405) 878-5830 ext. 7120 or bnorton@potawatomi.org.



Tribal Heritage Project
Leslie Gee, Project Manager

The Tribal Heritage Project welcomes tribal member Michael Abel to the staff. Michael was among the original crew when the project was in its infancy.

We are gearing up for the 2009 Citizen Potawatomi Nation family videos. Our goal is to include all the family member interviews. We are especially in need of interviews and photographs for the following families: Curley, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, and Pambogo.

If you are a tribal member descended from one of these families, we encourage you to participate in the interview process - if you haven't already done so. Then, your interview can be included in your family's video.

We invite you to participate in any way you feel comfortable, whether it be a story, a song, a photograph, or simply a thought that we can incorporate into your video. We welcome your input, and hope you will encourage others.

The videos are intended as an introduction to exploration of tribal family histories. Each family's history is unique and multi-layered. Your insights might help spark the interest of one who didn't feel strongly about his heritage previously or whet the appetite of another who has been thirsting for this knowledge.

The Family Video Series presents a unique opportunity for you, as tribal members, to contribute to your family's history. After all, history is a voice. It's a voice that belongs to all of us, and that we are all a part of.

The interview process allows you to be a voice for those who have gone before and those who will come after you. History is our voice; History is us.

For more information, questions, or comments, please contact us:

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From the Director's Desk

By the time this is published, Peggy and I will have returned to our home in Kansas bringing to an end one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable 2½-year periods of our life together.

As many of you know, in the spring of
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Archival Notebook

R. Blake Norton, Archivist

The Archival Notebook is an informative look into the activities of the Cultural Heritage Center's (CHC) Tribal Archives. Within the newsletter we will discuss exciting current and future projects, as well as projects that readers can do at home. Readers will have the opportunity to take a look into a real archival and collections management program.

The CHC would like to thank all the Tribal members who have graciously donated or loaned materials to the archival collection. Ninety percent of the archival collection is made up of materials either donated or loaned to the Cultural Heritage Center.

With the Citizen Potawatomi Nation so deeply rooted in family ties, genealogical research is at the forefront of activities provided at the CHC. With this in mind, I encourage all tribal members, young and old, to donate or loan any historical, genealogical, and cultural material.

On occasion the CHC acquires materials that have little or no background information. When these situations occur, the CHC would like to ask all knowledgeable members of the Nation for assistance. With assistance from members, we can build a more complete and comprehensive understanding of these cultural and historical treasures.

One such situation was brought to our attention by Mr. Lyman Boursaw,



District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikanek,

We've had another historic election, the second this year. The first was for our Nation, the second for our country. The pollsters and media all predicted a record voter turnout. Most predicted upward of 75% of the eligible voters would vote. The previous record was set in 1908 with 66%, as it turns out it was a new record 67%.

This is not a number we should necessarily be proud of. I would think that, with the economy flat on its face, our country fighting wars on two fronts, and the historic overtones of this election, everyone would have wanted to have their say.

While I'm on the subject of elections, I would like to talk about another election. Because of the need to stagger the legislative terms, I will hold this office for just one year and will be up for re-election this spring. I was elected to this first-ever legislative office most likely because of my involvement in tribal activities for many years, giving me a certain amount of exposure. Of course, having a large family helped.

This time I would like to EARN your vote and the vote of my family. To do so, I need to know what your concerns are, or if you have suggestions for a service you would like to see or an improvement to a service. These are things I can work for on your behalf.

Be assured, if you write, call, or e-mail me about anything, no matter how trivial it might seem, you will receive a response. In the last election, District #1 recorded a voter turnout of approximately 17%. PLEASE; let's make up our minds to improve that number.

I recently received a packet from Language Department Director Justin Neely. It contained three CDs and printed



material. The CDs contain very good material including a book by Don Perrot, (Deshemwen language book). There is too much material to cover here. Just know that it is very good and that anyone desiring a copy of the disk can let me know. I will see that you get one.

You should have received an envelope in the mail requesting your updated contact information, your home address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Please be sure to fill this out and return it as soon as possible. At this time the only way we have of contacting you is through the *HowNiKan*. Also in the October issue of the *HowNiKan*, there is a request that you send your e-mail information to your legislator and/or the CPN Public Information Department. This has the potential of saving the Nation thousands of dollars in regular mail expenses.

Migwetch,

Roy Slavin

Legislator, District #1

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens,

You might not have seen the news that, in late October, President Bush signed into law legislation designating the Friday after Thanksgiving "Native American Heritage Day." Doing so acknowledges the importance of Native people to the history and culture of the United States. This could be your opportunity to erase any notion that

the day, until now known only as "Black Friday," is important as the start of a frantic shopping season (with this economy that seems so "old school," anyway).

Instead, you can spend a bit of time on "our day" basking in the glow of the recognition. . . . And maybe then perform a special act of kindness, spend special time in nature or in exploring an aspect of your

Native culture, engage in social or political activism or doing something else you consider a suitable means of furthering our Native culture and sensibilities in these United States!

In early November I was honored to tour the Conservatory/dance studio of fellow Potawatomi and District #2 citizen Davis Hobdy in Maryland (the northernmost of the twelve states, and District of Columbia, that make up District #2). To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, Davis invited Keith Colston, Executive Director for the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and a Tuscarora-Lumbee, to the Conservatory to conduct master dance classes.

Keith is a very engaging and informative instructor, and I hope that the instruction will help me dance with more grace to better honor our heritage in our Arena next June. That may be wishful thinking, though – I fractured some bones in my foot running trails and took the class without my Aircast boot. So, I think I spent more time wincing than learning! (Keith Colston was my source of information on the new law honoring Native Americans on the day after Thanksgiving.)

I have set a goal to meet personally with more of you and to learn from you just as I learned from Davis Hobdy and Keith Colston. Another of my goals is to bring more of us together. So, if you are planning an event that might be of interest to other CPN citizens, please send me a note (ecarney@potawatomi.org) or call me at my new office numbers (866-961-6988 (Toll free) or 202-347-4424 (local)). I'll try to attend the event (travel costs will impose some limitations) and will mention it in this monthly column or in the regular email I send to everyone on the District #2 mailing list.

With regard to that mailing list . . . It is, thankfully, continuing to grow. And I'm pleased to report that I've had success in getting the Executive branch to agree to send a mailing to every CPN citizen 18 or older asking that he/she complete the enclosed request for home address and e-mail information and return it, for the Legislators' use, in the envelope enclosed in the mailing. I believe that you all should have that mailing in your hands by the end of November at the latest.

The CPN Legislators have been serving as your representatives without knowing, for the most part, who you are, for those of us with multi-state districts, even where



you are clustered in the districts. This is because the Executive has been a staunch guardian of citizens' privacy and thus has taken the position that the information the Nation has about each of us through the Tribal Rolls Office, etc. should not be made available to the Legislature without the special permission of each citizen. Hence, the special mailing.

I believe there are about 2,000 of us in District #2, and right now I have met or been contacted by about 100 of you. That's just 5%!!!! Please change that by filling out and mailing back the information request form. It will then be compiled into a District #2 list and forwarded to me so that I will know who you are and can include you in e-mailed notices, surveys, and the like.

You have my word that I will keep your information in confidence and use it only in connection with my Potawatomi legislative duties. So please don't delay, fill out the form, and return it in the envelope provided. Or if you don't have your letter, just e-mail me your contact information at ecarney@potawatomi.org. Maybe, that could be one of the special things you do on Native American Heritage Day!

I feel that I can't close without remarking about the outcome of the lengthy 2008 Presidential campaign. I am certain that the vast majority of you exercised your right to vote on November 4th. Thank you for doing so! Polls opened in Virginia at 6 a.m. and, to be certain, I had plenty of time to vote before heading to my District of Columbia office.

At 5:15 a.m., I joined an ever-growing line of people outside the middle school

where I vote. It seemed to me that the momentousness of what would be announced later that night was settling in on that early crowd. We have taken such a huge step in electing an African-American as our President. As we all know, we are facing many, many challenges here at home and abroad. I hope your prayers, like mine, are with President-elect Barack Obama and our other national leaders.

One final note. Mail from the Nation takes such a long time to reach us on the East Coast. As one remedy for that, the

HowNiKan now is being put up online at www.potawatomi.org as soon as it is sent to the printer. This means more timely news – the link is <http://www.potawatomi.org/Services/HowNiKan/default.aspx>. I hope this change is helpful to you and your family.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Native American Heritage Day! And thank you for the honor of representing you.

Megwetch,
Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe
Legislator, District #2

District #3 ~ Robert Whistler

Bozho Geenwah (Hello everybody),

The last several months have been very busy after our initial legislative teleconference in early September. On September 29, I met with Vice Chairman Linda Capps in Shawnee to discuss the Texas HUB program, which is designed to allow minority “highly underutilized businesses” to be given priority in bidding on state services and projects.

The federal program is referred to as the 8(a) program, and Legislator Lisa Kraft did a fantastic job in covering this program in her HowNiKan column in September. I have a fair understanding of the program and am here to answer your questions and direct you to the right places. So if you need help here, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

On October 12, I attended Santa Fe Days in Carrollton, TX, which was a Pow Wow hosted by about 15 tribes. While there, I met with the director of the Indian Health Services facility in Dallas and briefly discussed the services they offer our tribal members. The Pow Wow included dancers and many Navahos with excellent jewelry and crafts for sale.

The following Saturday, October 18, I attended the District #6 open house in San Diego. Ron Goyer had an excellent opening which was covered in his column. He has set up a library with more than 150 books in a collection that had been started by his father, Chuck Goyer, during his service as one of our Regional representatives.

Then, I spent a week in the San Antonio area, during which I had the opportunity to hold a naming ceremony on October 27 for one of our citizens living in that area.

November is Native American heritage month, and I was invited to BNSF railroad

to join the Council of Native Americans group working toward getting more education funds and programs for all Native Americans living in the Texas area. Our first meeting was held on November 6. BNSF was celebrating their Heritage Day. After our meeting we were entertained by a flutist and dancers from several tribes. Our newly formed group will meet quarterly, and I plan to play an active role with them.

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas invited me to attend their 16th annual awards banquet at the C.R. Smith Museum in Dallas/Ft. Worth held on November 13. Their goal is educational in spirit directed toward “Supporting the Future Generations of American Indian Leadership”.

Many of the attendees there are also members of the newly formed educational committee, I just mentioned.

On November 16 and 17, I was off to

Rossville, Kansas to look over our elder care housing so I am completely familiar with the program when we are able to bring it to Texas. Hopefully, that will come into fruition in the next couple of years. I have had a couple of conversations with Vice Chairman Linda Capps on the tribe’s plans for Texas, and it looks very promising.

One of the legislative committees I am on reviewed a grant offering and recommended it to the other legislators to file for an available \$1.1 million grant for use by our Economic Development enterprise. This department was created to secure funds to loan to Native Americans for development of their businesses. Several of the legislators have already reviewed this enterprise in the last few months. If you have a business or would like to start one, call me to get the details on whom you need to talk to.

A special vote was taken of the Legislative branch. The resolution to go after the \$1.1 million was approved. If the Nation receives this grant, it will be a nice addition to the funds that are awaiting your application for business start-up or assistance.

As mentioned in my October column, on December 2, the Dallas/Ft. Worth Native American Chamber of Commerce will hold its Third Annual Native American Awareness Expo. It is being held at the Ft. Worth Will Rogers Convention Center. I will be representing our tribe at that event and will talk about our future elder housing planned under the federal 184 loan program. I hope you are able to attend. The event is free for all registered Native Americans.

I received the information on this event after the closing deadline for my October column and initially thought the event might pass without my being able to get that information out to you. I really need e-mail addresses to get this kind of information sent out when it is received on too-short a notice to get it into my monthly column. Fortunately, Michael Dodson was finishing up the final layout of the HowNiKan and was able to strip in the information at the end of my column the same day he sent it to the printer for publication.

In mid-November, staff sent each of you a request to send in your contact information. If you have not sent it in yet, please take a moment now and forward that data.

It will help ensure that, when we receive short notice on events and so forth, details can be sent to you before -not after- they take place.

For example, our next Legislative teleconference, per our Constitution, should have been on November 27 (Thanksgiving). It is being changed to another date. Unfortunately, many of you who might desire to view this meeting will not find out about it until after it was held. For those whose e-mail addresses I have, a brief notice was sent out. **(Editor’s note: When a legislative session has been scheduled, notice will be posted in the Events section on the www.Potawatomi.org home page.)**

In addition to my travels, I have had the opportunity to read several of the recommended readings suggested by my fellow legislators. I finished reading “The Potawatomi – Keepers of the Fire” in late July. Since then, I have read “Rebuilding Native Nations” and “Indian Clothing of the Great Lakes,” which Rep. Bobbie Bowden recommended in her column.

For regalia, I secured and read “The Mishomis Book – the Voice of the Ojibway,” which has some great information.

At the naming in San Antonio on October 27, Mel McCoy offered a copy of “Tomahawks Over Chilocco,” which I accepted in behalf of the tribe. It will be presented to the tribal library at the Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee. I have read the book, and it covers the 1955-1971 years when the BIA was in the process of closing the Indian boarding schools in Oklahoma. I’ll be taking the book to Shawnee on my trip planned for December 10.

There are many books out there on our culture, language, and history. Fortunately, many of our local elementary schools are now recognizing that the Native American deserves to be recognized in history, and our children are being exposed to our ways, beliefs, and culture. I urge you to also dig into the past by getting a book and sitting down and reading through it over this coming winter season.

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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing from the Rossville Center in the middle of our outreach clinic. It has been my pleasure to meet a few of our citizens today. We are very lucky in Kansas to have such a fine facility, and I hope those who have never visited take the time to do so.

I have had a good response for my evening hours at my office. I am available on the first Tuesday evening of each month, from 5:30 to 8:00. Stop by at your convenience if you have questions.

The legislature was scheduled to meet on Thanksgiving; the meeting will be rescheduled to the first part of December. By the next issue we should be able to report on the meeting.

As I am writing, my thoughts go to the fact that this is the season of giving. I had a recent experience where a family member was grumbling. She had been very generous to a friend but, when it came time to reciprocate, the friend did not come through. It is easy for us to be generous when we know we will receive something in return. The real challenge is being gen-



erous when we know nothing will be returned.

As stated before, you can be added to my e-mail listed by contacting me at tadame@potawatomi.org.

Megwetch,

Theresa Adame

Representative, District #4

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello to the Potawatomis in District #5,

You probably thought I fell off the face of the earth since I was not in the last *HowNiKan*. The truth is that I was moving and decided to go high-tech with the systems and guess what.....it didn't work. It's nothing we can't handle, though.

Today I would like to talk about the changes we are seeing in the world. Not the world of Native America, but the world at large.

Since I last wrote, we have a new President coming into power, the stock market crash, the entire economy in question, loss of jobs, and the energy crisis, just to mention a few. We, as Americans, have seen the Great Depression and a multitude of ups and downs. As all difficulties come and go, this too shall pass - progress with caution, not fears.

There are interesting parallels with the 1929 "Black Thursday" when recorded sales of shares hit 12,895,000. Following that, there was a brief market rally.

"Black Tuesday" recorded sales of shares hit 16,410,000. Industrial stocks



dropped nearly forty points, the worst drop in history.

There was a new President coming into office. Herbert Hoover was elected in November 1928 then was defeated by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. The same thing happened with President George W.

Bush and his connection to McCain. People did not want more of the same. They want change.

More than 1,350 banks suspended operation during the 1930s.

The point here is, if you haven't already guessed it, that we have certainly been

through worse and developed a plan for survival and programs that were designed to boost the economy. We are doing that now.

The difference is that we can act quickly in a downturn and can project the effects worldwide. We are a world economy. We

District #6 - Ron Goyer

Bozho, Nikanek,

Since I assumed the position of Legislator, District #6, I have worked hard to bring resources, specifically monetary ones, to tribal members outside Oklahoma. As a result of these efforts, some amounts have trickled out to District #6. For example, \$300 was allocated to the American Indian Organizations Council of San Diego for their Annual Fall Harvest.

The Fall Harvest offers free holiday meals to indigent urban Indians of all tribes. Each year, there are approximately 200 Natives and community members who attend this event. Soon after receiving this donation, I was able to enroll the CPN with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California from funds earmarked for District #6. This business networking program for Native-owned enterprises and individuals allows for native-to-native priority acceptance in business activities nationwide.

As of November 6, 2008, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is now a member of this great Native American networking system. Sponsor-members of this network also give preferential contracting to members of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's Web site is easily navigated; its lists/members and contacts are now available to CPN members. Books of the membership and its affiliates are also available in your regional office at no cost.

On Saturday December 13, 2008, from 3:30-7:30pm, I am honored to host our next event for District #6. Please join us for our first annual "Fall Feast". The following will be provided: turkey, rolls, and an assortment of pies. In accordance with Potawatomi tradition, we are asking that such side dishes as vegetables, potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc. (or any of your family traditional dishes) be provided pot-luck style. Please RSVP for the event via phone at 760-891-0727 or e-mail at RGoyer@Potawatomi.org. We look forward to seeing you and your families at the



event!

UPCOMING EVENTS and ACTIVITIES for DISTRICT #6

- Naming Ceremonies
- Friday Night Cultural Movie Night
- Fall Feast, Saturday, December 13
- Drum-Making Classes
- Beadwork Classes
- Shawl & Ribbon Shirt Classes

We have an instructor lined up for beadwork classes and drum-making classes. Currently we are looking for a few more students, so the classes are more cost-effective for materials. Furthermore, more cultural classes/activities will be planned soon, so get on our mailing list at the office. If you have any suggestions for classes or activities to be held at your resource center, please feel free to contact the office. We will try our best to accommodate your suggestions.

As always please feel free to contact me any time at the office telephone number, 760-891-0727, or RGoyer@Potawatomi.org.
Megwetch,
Your friend,
Ron Goyer/Maskninye
Legislator, District #6

District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

November in the mountains! Usually that means the beginning of the rain and soon thereafter the snow. Now I live just below the snow line but we do get the occasional dusting of snow. Every once in a while we get some real snow, but for the most part, it just gets cold and rainy.

This fall has been glorious. Normally, I wouldn't go into the weather here in Northern California. I've lived in other parts of the country and, for a short time, in Ontario, Canada in the middle of winter. The last thing I wanted to hear was some wise-guy going on about how nice and sunny it is while you have to shovel snow or drive on frozen roads every day. I do however have a reason for going on about the weather.

When was the last time you attended a Pow Wow in late October? I know I never had, and to my delight it was right here in my hometown. This Pow Wow had been a local tradition for years but for some reason, nine years ago, it was stopped.

Well, I can tell you that the tradition is alive and well, once again. On Saturday, October 28, at the Gold Country Fairgrounds here in Auburn, the "Auburn Big Time Pow Wow" was held.

The local Nisenan, Maidu, and Miwok have lived in the area for thousands of years. They turned out in large numbers, as did local Navahos and Apaches, all in full regalia. It was a sight, and the sound of the drum and dancers in my hometown was something to behold.

In the middle of all this, of course, were the food and other various vendors. Well, I don't know about you but I've never met an Indian Taco I didn't like. So, during the dancing, I took full advantage of the opportunity and sat at a table to have a little Indian soul food.

I met some nice folks, and we chatted for a while when, all of a sudden out of the corner of my eye, I saw a beautiful young lady wearing a sash that said Prairie Band Potawatomi Princess. I almost fell off my seat. I was 1,700 miles from Shawnee, and a Potawatomi Princess just happens to walk by. Now that is something to ponder.

I was so stunned that I sat there like a lump of coal and couldn't say a word. When I did finally say something the young lady had walked past. Luckily my wife was able to run after her and bring her back so we could talk. We had a nice conversation. She is truly a Potawatomi Princess as well as being a beautiful and proud young Indian



woman who had traveled from Mayetta, Kansas to attend this event.

It was a great day here in the Sierras - low 80s temperatures, a bright blue sky, and you could literally see for miles it was so clear. Now again, I don't want to make anyone envious but goodness gracious it was beautiful.

The local newspaper had a staff writer there to cover the event, and as my wife and I were walking about we ran into the reporter. We stopped to talk for a moment, and he was kind enough to quote me in his Pow Wow article. Gus Thomson, the reporter, had written an article about my election to the CPN Legislature several months ago, and we run into each other occasionally. (Such are the joys of living in a small community.)

My wife mentioned that Gus should take a few moments to take in all the colors, smells, and sounds of a real Pow Wow. I think he did just that because he started his article with, "With the smell of sage in the air, moccasins on pounding feet kicking up clouds of dust over an Auburn field Saturday sent the spirits of Native American soaring."

I think Gus got it, don't you? It was truly a wonderful day.

The next Legislative meeting is coming up soon. The date for the meeting is being finalized as I write this. Keep an eye on the CPN Web site or contact me by e-mail or phone. As soon as the date is set, we'll make sure it gets posted. Remember, if you have access to the Internet you can WATCH YOUR LEGISLATURE AT WORK.

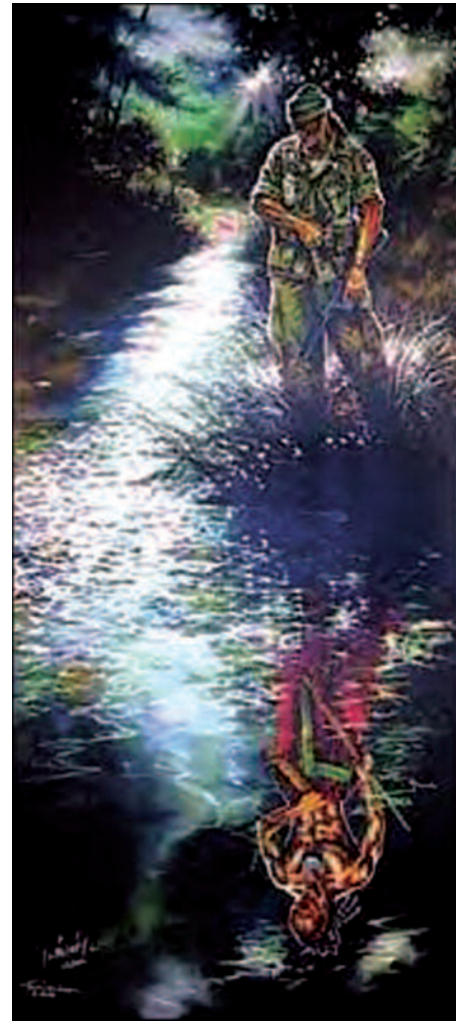
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Thom Finks, Representative, District #7

District #9 - Paul Wesselhoft

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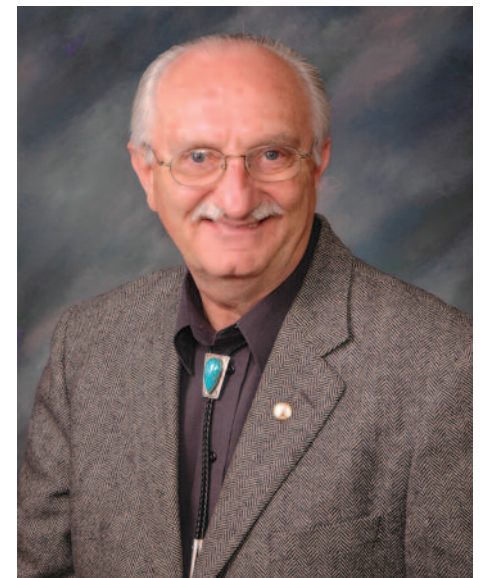
November 11 was the day we honored military veterans; however, any day is appropriate to acknowledge the service, and sometimes the sacrifice, of American veterans. So, when you meet Indian veterans or any veterans, let them know their contribution to America fills you with great pride.

I graduated from U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City with Warren Walkabout whose younger brother, Billy, also a Grant graduate, is the most decorated Native American soldier of the Vietnam War according to a Defense Department publication. Both Walkabouts were native Oklahomans.



Billy Walkabout served as the inspiration for this iconic painting by Talmadge Davis, a Cherokee artist.

As a former U. S. Army Airborne Ranger Chaplain, it fills me with pride to know that my good friend's brother served as an Army Ranger in Vietnam, in Company F, 58th Infantry, 101st Airborne



Division.

Military records show that Bill Walkabout, a Cherokee of the Blue Holley Clan, received the Distinguished Service Cross, five Silver Stars, ten Bronze Stars (including five with valor device), seven Air Medals, ten Army Commendation Medals (including five with valor device), and six Purple Hearts.

He was awarded his Distinguished Service Cross "for his actions in a reconnaissance mission behind enemy lines in November 1968. Under fire for several hours, Sergeant Walkabout was seriously wounded, three members of his 12strong team were killed at the scene, and one other died later from injuries." The citation for his award notes that he simultaneously returned fire, helped his comrades, and boarded injured soldiers onto evacuation helicopters. He spent six months in a coma, recovering, and later returned to Vietnam. He retired as a Second Lieutenant.

In a 1986 interview with the Associated Press, Walkabout said his 23 months in Vietnam left him with disabling injuries and memories that refused to fade. "War is not hell," Walkabout said. "It's worse." He said, "I'm at peace with myself, I've got my dignity and I've got my pride...I never lost the war in Vietnam, I never lost a day of it. Even when I was wounded, I didn't lose. When I fought, I won. I won my wars."

Billy suffered from complications arising from exposure to the Agent Orange defoliant used in Vietnam. He was waiting for a kidney transplant, and took dialysis



These photos show Billy Walkabout in his armed services days and as an adult.

three times a week. He died on March 7, 2007 of pneumonia and renal failure. He is survived by his wife and several children from earlier marriages.

In the next session of the Oklahoma Legislature, I will honor this remarkable Oklahoman and Native American with a Concurrent House and Senate Bill. I will name a mile of Interstate 40, which runs in front of the future Native American

Cultural Center and Museum, the "The Billy Walkabout Memorial Mile."

I predict that this bill will pass unanimously.

I salute the family of Billy Walkabout. May his memories fill them with pride and love.

Migwitch,
Paul Wesselhoft
CPN Rep., District #9

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

The major key to *your better future* is YOU. Of all the things that can have an effect on your future, I believe personal growth is the greatest. We can talk about sales growth, profit growth, asset growth, but all of this probably will not happen without personal growth.

There are many things that will help *better your future*. If you belong to a strong progressive company, a company that has good products, good services that you are proud of, that would certainly help. If there are good sales aids, good training, and strong leadership, that would certainly help.

All these things will help and, of course, if it doesn't storm, your car doesn't break down, your relatives don't bug you, and prices don't go much higher and taxes don't get much heavier, all of these will help *better your future*.

We could go on and on, adding more to the list; but remember this, the list of things just covered, all put together, plays a minor role in *bettering your future*.

Let me say this again, the major key to *bettering your future* is YOU. Place this



phrase on you refrigerator!!!! A friend of mine has always answered when asked, "How do you develop an above-average income?" by saying, "Simple, become an above-average person. WORK ON YOU."

My friend says, "Develop an above-average handshake; develop an above-average smile; develop an above-average

excitement; develop an above-average dedication; and develop an above-average interest in other people." You see where I'm going: To HAVE MORE, BECOME MORE.

Let me give you an example. There are two people in the same company. One might earn an extra \$100 a month, and the other might earn an extra \$1,000. What could possibly be the difference? If the products were the same, if the training was the same, if they both had the same literature, the same tools. If they both had the same teacher, the same compensation plan. If they both attended the same meetings, Why would one person earn more?

Remember there is a difference....That difference is personal, inside....not outside....inside.

You see the real difference is inside you. In fact, the difference is YOU. Someone once said, "The magic is not in the products. The magic is not in the literature. The magic is not in the film. There isn't a

magic meeting, but the magic that makes things better is inside you, and personal growth makes this magic work for you."

The magic is in believing, in daring, in trying, in persevering, in accepting, in working, in thinking, in smiling, and in excitement and determination. There is real magic in compassion, caring, and sharing. There is unusual magic in strong feeling and all that comes from inside, not outside. So the difference is inside YOU. The real difference is YOU. Remember you are the major key to *your better future*.

It is up to YOU....YOU get to chart your own destiny....YOU can reap what you sow....No one else can stop YOU from getting your dream...YOU experience the joy of self-determination.

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Megwetch,
David Barrett/Mnedobe
Legislator, District #10

District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Having a seat on the Cultural and Natural Resources committees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a perk of being your Oklahoma legislator. It is also an honor to have been appointed. Professionally, and personally, these topics intrigue me.

If you recall, each of the Nation's legislative committees is headed by a member of the executive branch and made up of two legislators from Oklahoma and two from outside Oklahoma. All of the committees convene for a formal legislative session at least quarterly; this is what you see online.

The executive branch encourages each committee to hold informal meetings with each other by telephone, e-mail, or teleconference or by making personal visits to see them (executive branch members) while at the Nation's headquarters. These conversations are where ideas are exchanged, issues or concerns are addressed, and new legislation is discussed and sometimes developed. Therefore, having information is vital to our deliberations.

Legislators also receive monthly financial statements so we can keep a pulse on our committee assignments by reviewing budgets versus actual expenditures. The department reports written each month in the *HowNiKan* are also great decision-



making tools. Reportable activities connect the dots to the outlays. These columns are subsequently used by tribal members as platforms to reach out to their legislators. And for some of us, it is the only way we can stay current with what is happening in the programs.

Someday, I would like to see a dedicated section in the *HowNiKan* in which all department directors can submit condensed updates on the program goals used to support their annual budget requests. For those programs that have measurable data, specific numbers could be reported each month to help generate the Nation's

annual social and economic impact statement. This report is used to gain Congressional support as well as incentives for prospective tribal business partners.

To all the staff who are providing management services, direct services, and helping to grow the Nation, and all the directors who are reporting their program highlights and even setbacks, please keep up the good work. You have the support of the executive leadership and, over time, you will come to realize that you have the support of each legislator, regardless of committee assignment.

And, to those tribal members who are beginning to feel comfortable with communicating with us, thank you. We are elected to be your voice and represent your views in addition to our own.

Please be sure to complete your contact information card and return it so that a database can be created that allows district representatives to work better with their constituents, and in turn, districts with each other.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.
Lisa
LKraft@Potawatomi.org

I hope the season finds each of you in good health and that prosperity comes your way. Be safe as you travel this holiday season. As always it has been an honor

to serve you.
Megwetch!
Paul Schmidlkofer
Representative, District #12

District #13- Bobbie Bowden

Bozho Nikan!

I hope this month's edition finds you all well and surviving the holiday season. My article this month is of a personal nature so thank you all for bearing with me for this one. If your homes are anything like mine at this time of year, it is nearing the time for "panic" to set in to get everything done - from decorating the yard, the house, trimming the tree, making cookies and candy with my mom and kids (one of my favorite things to do) to, my gosh, the shopping nightmare!

In addition to this panic, the current economy has had a huge effect on so many of us and our salaries and businesses. Being employed in the real estate industry, I have felt the downturn in the real estate market right in my pocketbook and, in turn, my Christmas budget for 2008 has been cut.

Let me confess that I am very guilty of feeling like my kids should get everything they have on their lists for Christmas. This year, that is not going to happen. I have been so upset and worried that they will be disappointed that I had let myself forget the true meaning of Christmas and the holiday season.

There have been so many things we have missed out on in the past years because I was so wrapped up in the gift-giving that I have promised myself this year we are going to make some lasting holiday memories. I am not sure that, if I asked my kids what gifts they received two years ago, they could tell me.

I tell all of this hoping to remind some of you that, yes, it is better to give than receive; the holiday season is about family. I urge you all to take time with your families this year to make some lasting memories. For example, pile in the car and go look at Christmas lights; pop some popcorn and rent a few holiday classics and watch them as a family. Bake some good-



ies for your neighbors. Take time to enjoy the season and the reason for the season - the birth of our Lord and Savior.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to send a thank you out to Dad and Mom for making some of these memories for me. I have asked my mom on several occasions this year, "How did you do it with four of us?" The things I remember most are riding in the back of our station wagon to look at lights, the blinding light of the video camera as we would come down the hall on Christmas morning, freezing in Guthrie, Chickasha, and other places in the city looking at the sights. (Yes, Mom, we complained but loved every minute of it!)

I hope and pray that I can make this same kind of memories for my children and I know with your love and guidance I can.

May you all have a wonderful and joyous holiday season. It is an honor to serve you.

Megwetch,
Bobbie Bowden
Legislator, District #13

District #12- Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho, nikan!

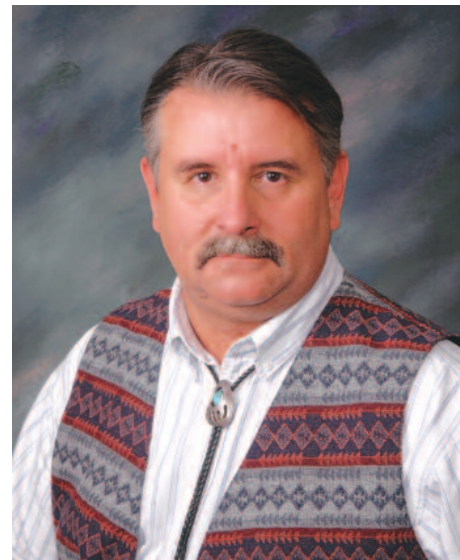
Like many of you I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of my dear friend - the Thanksgiving turkey - along with all of his friends, like the dressing, pecan and pumpkin pie, my wife's broccoli and cauliflower casserole, and all the other regular fixings. Last May, my doctor suggested that maybe I should lose a little weight.

Well, I'm a little past 50 years old now, and I thought that maybe he was right. So, for the past six months or so, I've held fast to my diet. I have managed to lose somewhere around 50 pounds now. So I hope you understand why I'm looking so forward to Thanksgiving. I get a pass on my diet during this holiday. So my, my, my, how I'm looking forward to it.

One thing I've been able to develop over the past few years was not eating so much that I put myself in a coma. I plan to stop just short of that again this year. But I will be at least sampling many of the things that have been missing from my dinner plate over the last few months.

One of the things that I look forward to during the fall and winter months is the holidays. Of course, by now, you realize that the big meals are near the top of the list of things I enjoy. But, more important, it's the opportunity to see family members again. As we get older and our families grow and increase, it becomes a little harder for all of us to get together. One of the things about Potawatomi is our connection to our families. I've been pleased in recent years to have been able to meet many of my more distant relatives from all across the country. To all of my relations, I wish a very happy holiday.

Recently, you should have received in



the mail a letter requesting your name and e-mail address. It arrived with a return postage-paid envelope. I ask that you take the time to fill these out and return them. With the cost of mailing today, this is just another way we can save money that is so needed for our other programs.

Additionally, it allows for an easier method of contacting each other. From time to time, we will use this directory of members' e-mail addresses to forward information to you about different and new programs we have developed.

Many of you have requested access to the Potawatomi language classes. Justin Neely has been doing a class over the internet for a while now. I suspect, if interest is high enough, he will continue this and possibly start new classes. His e-mail address is JNeely@Potawatomi.org. Contact him if you are interested, and he will contact you with current and upcoming opportunities.

CPN Legislative members wish all
a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2009!!

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

The holiday season is quite exciting at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters. There are many scheduled activities during the months of November and December. Of the numerous events taking place, I would like to share my perspective on several that I had the pleasure to attend.

The first event was a banquet held on November 7 at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center produced by the CPN Diabetes Program staff. Entitled BEAD Awards Banquet, it honored diabetic patients from the CPN Clinic and Wellness Center who participate in the Beginning Education About Diabetes (BEAD) program. Kimberly Williams, who directs the CPN Diabetes Program, was the lead presenter for the event while Leslie Cooper, Director of the wellness center, emceed the banquet.

The program is designed for newly diagnosed diabetic patients who are facing a lifestyle change with the onset of diabetes. Those attending the program learn about their medical needs, nutrition, how to exercise, and general education about what happens when a person is diagnosed with diabetes. The excellent staff at the clinic, wellness center, and pharmacy makes a great support group for those who are diagnosed.

It is just one more program at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation that is progressive in meeting the needs of our people.

The next day and evening were dedicated to our veterans. The Veterans Day parade was held in downtown Shawnee on November 8 at 11:00 a.m. The CPN Veterans Honor Guard was selected to lead the veterans group at the parade. How proud you would be to see our honor guard march! They had an outstanding performance! They were led by a vintage Rolls Royce golf cart driven by members of the CPN Veterans Organization, with Bob



Smith at the driver's seat, accompanied by Commander Troy Graham, Jim Anderson, and Jim Anderson.

That evening, the Cultural Heritage Center was the host site for the Veterans Day Banquet. A special salute goes out to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization for their supreme effort in honoring those CPN members who have served and are serving our country.

The Dale Carnegie course is an ongoing training program coordinated by Michael Shaw, Director of Human Resources at FireLake Grand Casino. The training course, which basically helps business leaders address issues of leadership and communication, is offered to approximately 15 employees twice a year.

The training is held during non-working hours, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. once a week for 12 weeks. It takes dedication and sacrifice to complete the course which has a no-to-very-limited absence requirement. On November 20, I attended my second graduation session for employees who have completed the course.

What an inspiration it was to hear from the employees on how the training has impacted their work environment, helping them become better managers and leaders, handle job-related situations with confidence, and assist with positive attitude changes. Bottom line, it makes for a better workplace when our employees are equipped to excel and grow to reach their full potential. I applaud each employee who has completed the Dale Carnegie training course.

These are just a few examples of the dozens of outside activities that occur at CPN throughout the year. It is my wish that you find interest and importance in your Nation's employment activities.

May your holiday season be extremely enjoyable!
Megwetch,
Linda Capps

Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friends),

I am so pleased with the many responses we have received to the Tribal Savings Certificate announced in the previous *HowNiKan*. So far, more than 100 of our people are requesting the opportunity to place some of their savings with the Nation. Demand for the Certificates appears to be much higher than our supply in this first \$1,000,000 phase of the program.

Out of caution, I have been exploring as many legal sources as I can find to make sure we meet all of the requirements necessary for the two characteristics of the Tribal Savings Certificate we announced: tax-exempt interest and a guarantee with federal sources.

As the tribal government, we are aware that the Internal Revenue Service Code makes these two conditions mutually exclusive on the theory that a guarantee from the federal government represents a cost to the U.S. government and tax exempt interest on a guaranteed loan potentially expands that cost to the government, so it is not allowed. There are also IRS letters that state these positions. We are structuring the Tribal Savings Certificate as a private placement security to accommodate these prohibitions.

Why are we doing this since we can borrow money more cheaply elsewhere? The primary reason for the Nation is neither payment of tax-exempt interest nor federal guarantee safety for investors. It is to motivate Citizen Potawatomis to invest more than just their money. It is so they will have a greater reason to participate in the governance of the Nation - in the words of renowned investor Warren Buffet, so they will have some "skin in the game."

I truly believe that any person who has his or her savings with the Nation will be more aware of who runs for tribal office and what their qualifications and experience might be. That Citizen Potawatomi investor is more likely to vote, encourage his or her family to vote, or run for office himself. If that happens, our Nation is better off.



People who save money and are mindful of how they manage their money will serve as leaders or select qualified tribal leadership to protect their investments. Thrift is also an important personal characteristic of leadership. Our tribe has built a large and complex financial foundation in the process of providing services to its citizens. Those who personally save and invest are inclined to select successful, experienced tribal leadership to avoid putting theirs and the Nation's assets at unnecessary risk, while seeking continued growth.

If you have contacted the Nation about the Tribal Savings Certificate, complete documentation, explanations, legal references, and operating procedures will be sent to you next week. Please read it very carefully. It is designed to answer three questions:

- 1) Can I always get my money back out – in other words, is it safe?
- 2) How is the interest earned on the Certificate exempt from federal income taxes?
- 3) When and how is the interest paid out?

Here are some short answers until the mailed information gets to you:

The Tribal Savings Certificate can be sold back to the Nation on demand by you at any time. This repurchase will be made by Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Inc., the federal corporation given to the Nation with our Constitution. CPNI owns a Community Development Corporation (CDC) operating as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), a status granted by the United States Treasury Department.

It is authorized to lend, borrow, purchase, and participate out mortgage debt. The CDC will purchase 10 HUD Section 184 guaranteed mortgages on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Rossville, Kansas Elder Housing duplexes from First National Bank. It will receive interest and principal payments from that purchase.

The CDC will guarantee to buy and sell all Tribal Savings Certificates by a contract printed in the Certificate. The CDC has more than \$7,000,000 in operating funds. As an absolute back-up for the CDC operating funds, a First National Bank-controlled security account ("lock box account") is pledged to the CDC to allow repurchase of all outstanding Certificates. This account will contain money from HUD Section 184 federally guaranteed mortgage loans purchased by Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Inc. from First National Bank for the elder rental housing units in Rossville, Kansas, in the event of a loan default. Over and above all that, there is a pledge from First National Bank to repurchase Tribal Savings Certificates if Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Inc. does not. This gives Certificate holders triple protection on their investment principal.

Several of you have asked what will happen if the IRS disallows the tax exemption for the interest on a Tribal Savings Certificate. Money you loan to the Nation through the Certificate is for documented "essential governmental purposes" only, now planned to provide funds to the tribal elder's prescription medicine benefits. By law, non-federally guaranteed loans to tribes for "essential governmental functions" may pay tax exempt interest. No

federal loan guarantee is given to Tribal Savings Certificate owners. Instead, investors are guaranteed in the event of default by the previously described "lock-box" security account containing the assigned proceeds of a federal guarantee on a separate loan. The Nation will dispute and litigate a disallowance of tax exemption of interest at its own expense. The IRS has a history of adversarial behavior towards Indian Tribes. We anticipate a challenge. There is law and ample legal precedent to support our position.

The payment of interest on Tribal Savings Certificates will be by bank transfer. Any Citizen Potawatomi, Citizen Potawatomi and spouse jointly, or a trust with Citizen Potawatomi as the primary beneficiary can buy the Certificate. Monthly interest will be paid into your FDIC insured personal deposit account at First National Bank of Shawnee, Oklahoma. You may draw it out at any time.

Penalties for early resale of a Tribal Savings Certificate are one month's interest, identical to bank certificates of deposit. First National Bank, a federally chartered national bank with \$185 million in assets, is both safe and sound with none of the "sub-prime" mortgage loans that have been in the news.

All of us here in the tribal government are aware of the hard times many of you are experiencing with the recession. This is a rough one, but it will pass, as the other recessions and depressions have. It can pass with less pain if we all help each other as families do. We will be putting as much of our resources as we can safely contribute into assisting those who are in dire need. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Tribal Chairman. I hope all of you have a joyful holiday.

Jagenagenon. We are all related.
Megwetch,
John Barrett
CPN Tribal Chairman

Adamietz studied Food Marketing

PLP alum earns degree

George J. Adamietz Jr., the son of George Adamietz and Peggy Frapp of Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, graduated from college this spring from Johnson and Wales University, in Providence Rhode Island. Johnson and Wales is one of the top culinary schools in the world.

Adamietz is a Citizen Potawatomi member. He was a member of the inaugural Potawatomi Leadership Program in 2003. He graduated with an associate in Culinary Arts, and then worked for Walt Disney World.

Following his experience at Walt Disney World, Adamietz finished work on his bachelors degree in Food Marketing. As part of that experience, he performed an internship at FireLake Grand Casino. While doing all of this, he graduated top of his class, Magna Cum Laude, and was inducted into the Golden Quill Honor Society. He was also President of the Silent Witness Program, which is a program designed to combat domestic violence.

Adamietz is now working for the CPN in the Tribal Rolls Department under the



guidance of Charles Clark, giving back to nation. Doing this, Adamietz said, "makes me feel as if there was only one word to call the Nation. That word would be 'Home.'"

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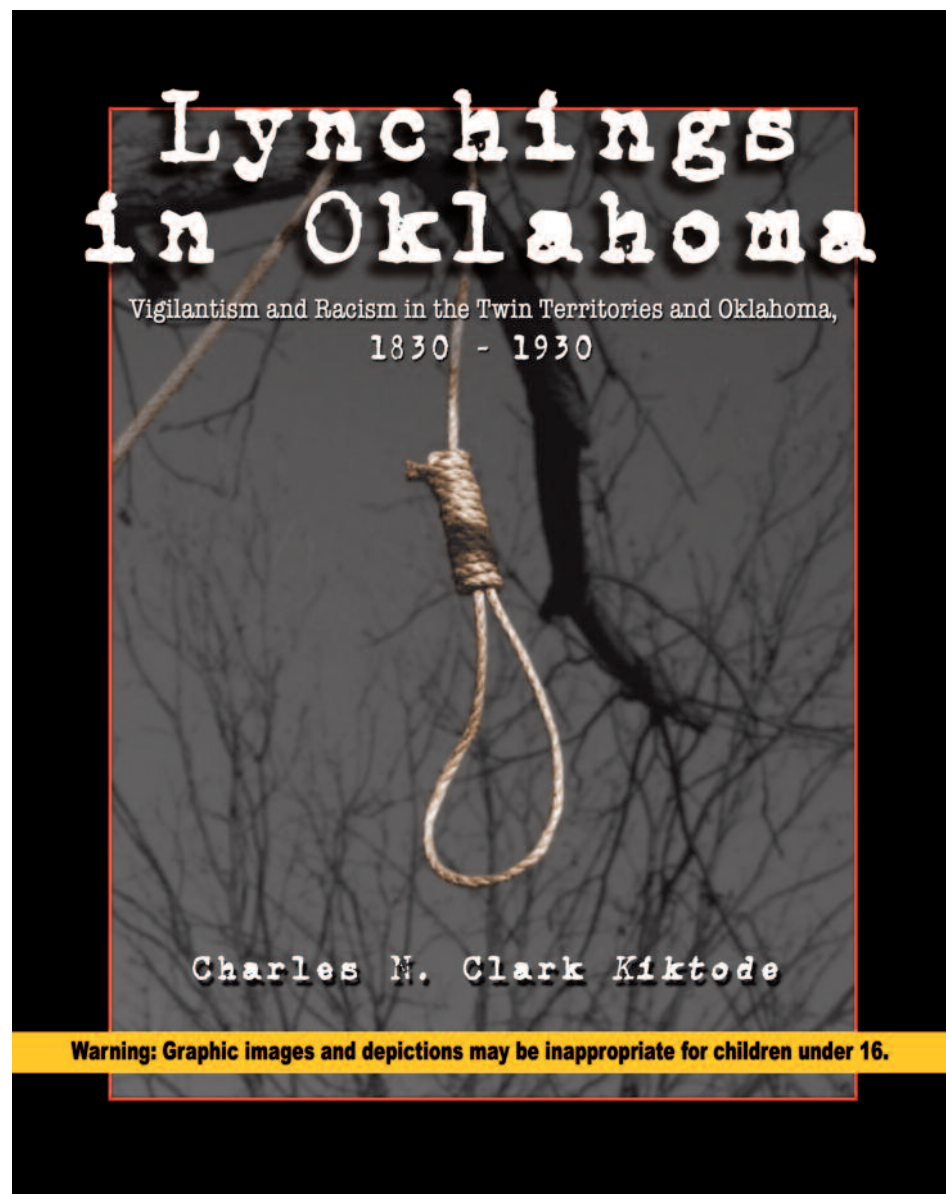
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Lynchings in Oklahoma relates gruesome history

CPN author publishes first book



(Shawnee, OK) – As Americans prepare for inauguration of their first African-American president, first-time author Charles N. Clark (Kiktode), a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, offers up an examination of the troubled relations among races during Oklahoma's days as a territory and her initial quarter-century as a state. "Lynchings in Oklahoma: Vigilantism and Racism in the Twin Territories and Oklahoma 1830-1930" illustrates those dark recesses of Oklahoma history through telling of individual lynching stories and the grim lynchings numbers.

"Lynchings..." gets inside the unwarranted lynching-at-the-stake of young Seminole Indians Lincoln McGeisey and Palmer Sampson in retaliation for Maud-area resident Mary Leard's murder in

1898. It relates the sad tale of African-American mother and son Mary and Lawrence Nelson, who were hanged from a North Canadian River bridge near Okemah in 1911.

The details of more than 55 such instances of vigilantism-carried-too-far illustrate the tensions and forces that shaped Oklahoma. Author Clark, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal rolls director, gets inside the factors that created these tensions – among the white and African-American settlers and the Native Americans who had been forcibly relocated to Oklahoma in the first half of the 19th Century.

As Clark reports, a toxic stew of competing interests, paucity of law enforcement, and outright racism often combined

to ensnare innocent victims. He returned to the roots of mob rule to illuminate the first-ever "lynchings." And, he brings the topic forward to current times to offer words of wisdom on rising above these demons of our worst nature.

Of the genesis of "Lynchings..." Clark says, "What started out as a college class assignment became a quest to learn the real truth about Oklahoma."

Clark is being recognized as an authority on this aspect of Oklahoma's history. In a November 19, 2008 story on the history of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, *Oklahoman* newspaper staff writer Ken Raymond turned to Clark as a source: "In his book, 'Lynchings in Oklahoma,' Charles Clark notes that while the Klan never was linked definitively to any illegal executions, members weren't averse to strong-arm tactics. He describes the 1923 Klan attack on George Hanteman, a Jewish man in Tulsa. Klan members kidnapped Hanteman, whose name is spelled in other accounts as Hantaman, and tortured him before dumping him outside of his house."

"Lynchings..." can be ordered through Clark's Web site/blogs, www.Kiktode.com or www.LynchingsInOklahoma.com. The book is softbound and retails for \$29.99 plus tax and shipping and handling. Orders can be telephoned to 405-275-3975.

Walking On, con't. from page 3

She retired from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety, where she worked her way up from clerk-typist to Budget Director.

Judy loved collecting antiques, camping, fishing, riding motorcycles with her husband, and rose-gardening. After graduating from Granite, Oklahoma High School in 1968, she married Gerald Ramsey and lived a short time in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Later, the Ramseys moved to Baton Rouge, where she lived until her death.

Judy was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She was very involved in her Indian culture and events.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Lydia (Cooper) Nickell; grandparents Georgia Ann (Young) Nickell, John G. and Lillian Nickell, and Alan and Delora Ann (Hodges) Cooper; and grandniece Aiyanna Marie (Arredondo) Barber.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Ramsey of a the home in Baton Rouge; a daughter, Jackie Savoie and her husband



Troy; a granddaughter, Gabrielle Jolie Savoie; two sisters, Marie Arredondo of Granite and Delora Willks of Midwest City, Oklahoma; two nieces, Linda Arredondo of Tallahassee, Florida and Lisa Arredondo of Granite; a nephew, Jeremy Goodson of Midwest City; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services for Judy Ann Ramsey were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2008, at the Granite City Cemetery with the Rev. Ben VanVacter officiating. Services were under the direction of Greer Funeral Home of Granite.

Judy lay in state at Greer Funeral Home in Granite on Friday, September 12, 2008, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Saturday, September 13, 2008, from 9 a.m. until service time. The family greeted friends on Friday evening from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Online tributes may be made to the family at www.GreerFuneral.com.

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Cultural Heritage Center, con't. from page 13

2006 I accepted the Chairman's offer to come to Oklahoma to take the position of Director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. At that point, I had little insight into what a profound impact this role would have on me. The opportunity that I have had to be involved in the growth and development of the CHC has been an experience I will remember forever.

I have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to meet and, in many cases, become close friends with the CPN veterans. I take great pride knowing that I was able to play a part in creation and expansion of the Tribal Veterans Wall of Honor. The stories the veterans have told in their interviews will remain with me forever.

When I arrived, I thought I had a fair understanding of my family's history and that of the Nation. I quickly discovered that I had only scratched the surface. This facility and the material it contains have given me a chance to learn so much more about where we came from and who we are, but I also learned there is so much more to discover.

The recent opportunity to be a participant in the fifth Potawatomi Trail of Death Caravan further enhanced my interest in learning more about myself, my family, my Tribe. There are several ongoing activities and projects in the CHC that I would have liked to have been part of through to their completion.

Foremost of these is the project to produce the documentary "Journey to Oklahoma." I wish Leslie Gee well in her endeavors to bring this project to fruition.

I have often said the most enjoyable part of my job was working with the CHC staff. These young people are some of the brightest, most energetic and professional individuals I've had the pleasure of working with at any time in my varied career.

I recently asked the staff to provide me a list of those activities outside the CHC where they have served as presenters, panel members, etc. I think you would be surprised at the length of these lists and the professional level at which the staff is involved. They have represented the Nation and our Center exceptionally well. I am confident that they will continue to serve the Nation in the future.

If you haven't visited the CHC, you should make it a point to come to Shawnee to see what is here for you to discover and take with you a better understanding of your own heritage.

It goes without saying that none of this would have happened without support and guidance from Chairman John Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps. I sincerely thank them for affording me this opportunity to serve my Nation.
Jon Boursaw (Bourassa/Ogee)
Former Director
CPN Cultural Heritage Center

Veterans Day, con't. from page 11

After devoting his time and tireless efforts to the CHC, Boursaw is re-retiring to his beloved Kansas. In thanking Veterans Organization members for commemorating his service as CHC director,

Boursaw pointed out that this is the fourth time he has retired, including from the Air Force and from a position as executive director of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.



Retiring Cultural Heritage Center Director Jon Boursaw addresses fellow veterans at Veterans Day celebration.

Doctor's Notes

Greetings,

I would like to share some information about recent changes in the Health Services, in addition to some exciting news. As you know, our previous director, Randy Hall, has retired. He served the tribe very well and will truly be missed. As a result, I have had the honor of accepting the position of Director of Health Services.

I have been serving as Medical Director since January 2008 and providing medical care at the clinic since 2005. As a CPN member, I very much look forward to serving our current patients and fellow tribal members in this new role. I will continue to see patients as well as have the opportunity to lead the Health Services in an administrative position.

We have recently expanded our scope of services at the clinic to include ultrasound. Previously, our patients have traveled significant distances to receive this imaging modality. As a result, our providers have had limited access to this important diagnostic tool. Fortunately, we have acquired a new ultrasound machine. In addition, Amber Elmore, a tribal member and skilled ultrasonographer, has joined our staff to help provide this much-needed service.

Flu season is here. We currently have flu vaccinations available. I strongly encourage everyone to become immunized. It is especially important for those individuals at higher risk, including



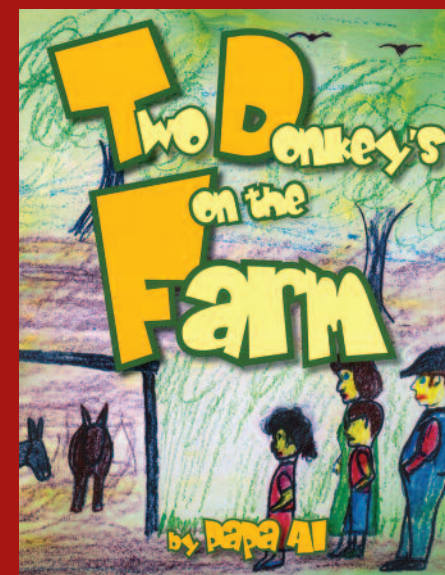
patients with diabetes, asthma, COPD, heart disease, or any other chronic medical condition. You can contact your provider at the clinic or make an appointment through Public Health.

Thank you for your time and continued support. My staff and I wish you well.
Sincerely,
Cory Spurlock, M.D.

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Native American tribes look up to pair of Sooners

By Didier Morais, staff writer, *The Daily Orange*, Syracuse University

Sports heroes have been difficult to come across in the Native American communities of Oklahoma. Rarely have children had the chance to watch someone of their ethnicity, let alone tribe, receive praise for excelling in a nationally recognized sport. But now, two players from the Oklahoma football team have given these disadvantaged tribal communities a reason to cheer each Saturday. That's because quarterback Sam Bradford, the Sooners' fifth Heisman Trophy winner, and long-snapper Derek Shaw, both of American Indian descent, have developed into reliable contributors for the Sooners who will battle the Florida U Gators for the National Championship.

Bradford is a Cherokee tribe, and Shaw has Osage and Ponca heritage. They have cheerfully embraced their roles as ambassadors of the underrepresented Native American community and wish to set a precedent for others counterparts "Around here, Native American people don't have role models, per se, to look up to from their own race or their own tribe," Shaw said. "So at first, it was kind of overwhelming, but the older I got the more I accepted the role. As far as me and Sam go, I think we are trying to be a real inspiration to them and show them they can do whatever they want to do."

So far, they have both proved to be exemplary role models on the field. After walking onto the team during his freshman year, Shaw immediately won the starting job as long snapper, received a full scholarship from head coach Bob Stoops, and was awarded with the Derrick Sheppard Most Inspirational Walk-on Award by the OU coaching staff.

As for Bradford, he has played exceptionally well in his sophomore campaign and has already drawn several comparisons to some of college football's finest quarterbacks. Headed into the National Championship game, he has passed for 4,464 yards and 48 touchdowns. His stellar playing has earned him a colossal following within the Native American population. Not an official member of the Cherokee Nation, Bradford's lineage derived from his great-great-grandmother Susie Walkingstick, who was a full-blooded Cherokee.

Despite his unique Native American



OU Sooners QB Sam Bradford, a Cherokee, displays his athleticism near the goal line in a 61-41 win over the OSU Cowboys. Bradford has led the Sooners to NCAA records of 704 points scored and scores of 60-or-more points in five consecutive games. The 12-1 Sooners play the Florida University Gators in Miami on January 8 for the National Championship.

background, Bradford recently revealed that it took him until college to fully grasp an appreciation for his family's heritage. "It was never really a huge part of my life growing up," Bradford said in an interview with Rivals.com. "My parents didn't talk to me a lot about it when I was younger. When I got to OU, I heard it was inspirational. But I probably haven't embraced it as much as I'd like to."

Unlike Bradford, Shaw discovered his Osage and Ponca culture early on. By age three, Shaw was already involved with the Osages' traditional rituals. He learned the cultural dances and ultimately joined the Grayhorse In-Lon-Schka Dance Committee. It has proven to be an enormous commitment for Shaw. Despite the Sooners' hectic off-season workouts, he makes it a

point to attend the annual In-Lon-Schka dance. Each summer, he rejoins his dance troupe in June, performs in the three-week-end tribal ceremony and relishes the edifying atmosphere. "I really like to stay in touch with the cultural aspect," Shaw said. "At the dances, you participate and get to see everyone again. Tribe is definitely a big deal. No matter where I am in the country, I always try to make it back for those three weekends."

When they're not training with their team, Bradford and Shaw travel to local Native American communities and schools as guest speakers. There, they mentor the youth and advise them on their prospective college plans. But that doesn't mean they don't have time to talk football. Both Sooners are constantly sought out by chil-

dren asking for autographs and pictures.

For most children, the jubilation from meeting Bradford and Shaw is a temporary distraction from a life ravaged by turmoil. The Native American adolescent population has been one of the most afflicted groups in the United States.

Dr. Dolores Subia BigFoot, the director of Indian Country Child Trauma Center on Child Abuse and Neglect in Oklahoma City, has studied the youths' deficient upbringing for years and has worked with kids who have been decimated by social problems such as substance abuse, child abuse, learning disabilities, homelessness and, most prominently, suicide. According to BigFoot, the suicide rate for children is three times greater than Caucasians of their age range. Those statistics alone have her acknowledging the desperate need for Native American role models.

So she looks to one Sooners player - Bradford - to give the community hope for a better life. "What Sam Bradford has given me the opportunity to do is to bring awareness to the fact that our American Indian children can grow and prosper in an environment with families that support them," BigFoot said. "There's a lot of pride involved with Sam. He shows our Natives that if somebody works hard and gets support, many things are possible."

Still, Shaw doesn't mind being overshadowed by Bradford because, in the end, they both share the same vision for the future Native American generation. "We just really want (the kids) to do well, not only football, but school-wise and decision making," Shaw said. "We just want to let them know that they have something to shoot for, and don't have to settle for anything less."

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